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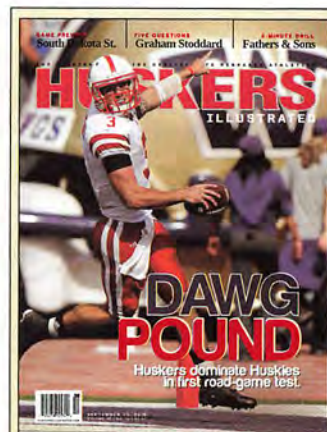


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### ON THE COVER

Junior defensive tackle Jared Crick foils an Idaho trick play by sacking quarterback and North Platte native, Nathan Enderle. Crick finished with six tackles and 2 1/2 sacks as Nebraska defeated the Idaho Vandals, 38-10. The Blackshirts were ball hogs, snatching five interceptions, two which went for touchdowns.

Photo by Aaron Babcock



## OLD-SCHOOL MENTALITY

### Huskers developing championship look



**THE HUSKERS ARE** quickly developing the appearance of an old-school team. Dare I say, the appearance of a Tom Osborne-coached team.

Saturday, Nebraska's offense imposed its will against the University of Washington, pushing the Husky defense all over the field. One would have never known Washington entered the game as a three-point underdog.

It appeared the Huskers opened the game looking to pass the ball and stretch the Washington defense. But Offensive Coordinator Shawn Watson quickly realized Nebraska faced little challenge from the Husky defensive line.

As a result, Nebraska abandoned the pass and decided to run straight at the Washington defense, which according to offensive line coach Barney Cotton, was blitzing four out of every five downs.

As a result, Nebraska finished with 383 rushing yards on 54 carries. The Huskers just threw just 11 passes in the game, completing seven for 150 yards.

The most impressive part of Nebraska's game was its running game in the second half. Washington knew the Huskers were going to run the ball, or at least they quickly figured it out. And they could do nothing to stop it.

Nebraska threw the ball just three

times in the second half and ran the ball 30 times for 263 yards. That's an average of 8.7 yards per carry against a defense that knows what's coming.

This game was a flashback to Nebraska's last visit to Seattle in 1997, when Nebraska rushed for one more yard (384 yards) and had a cast of similar individual performances.

Saturday, Taylor Martinez (137 yards), Roy Helu Jr. (110) and Rex Burkhead (104) each eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark.

In 1997, had Scott Frost not been charged with a pair of 3-yard losses by taking a knee in the final seconds, the Huskers would have had three 100-yard rushers (fullback Joel Makovicka and Amhan Green each rushed for 129 yards. Frost finished with 97.

As Husker fans know, teams that have a dominant rushing game, wear down opponents, control the clock and tend to have fewer turnovers.

Does that mean the Cornhuskers will win a national title just like that 1997 team? No, but I like any team's chances that can run the ball whenever it wants and can support it with a stingy defense. **N**

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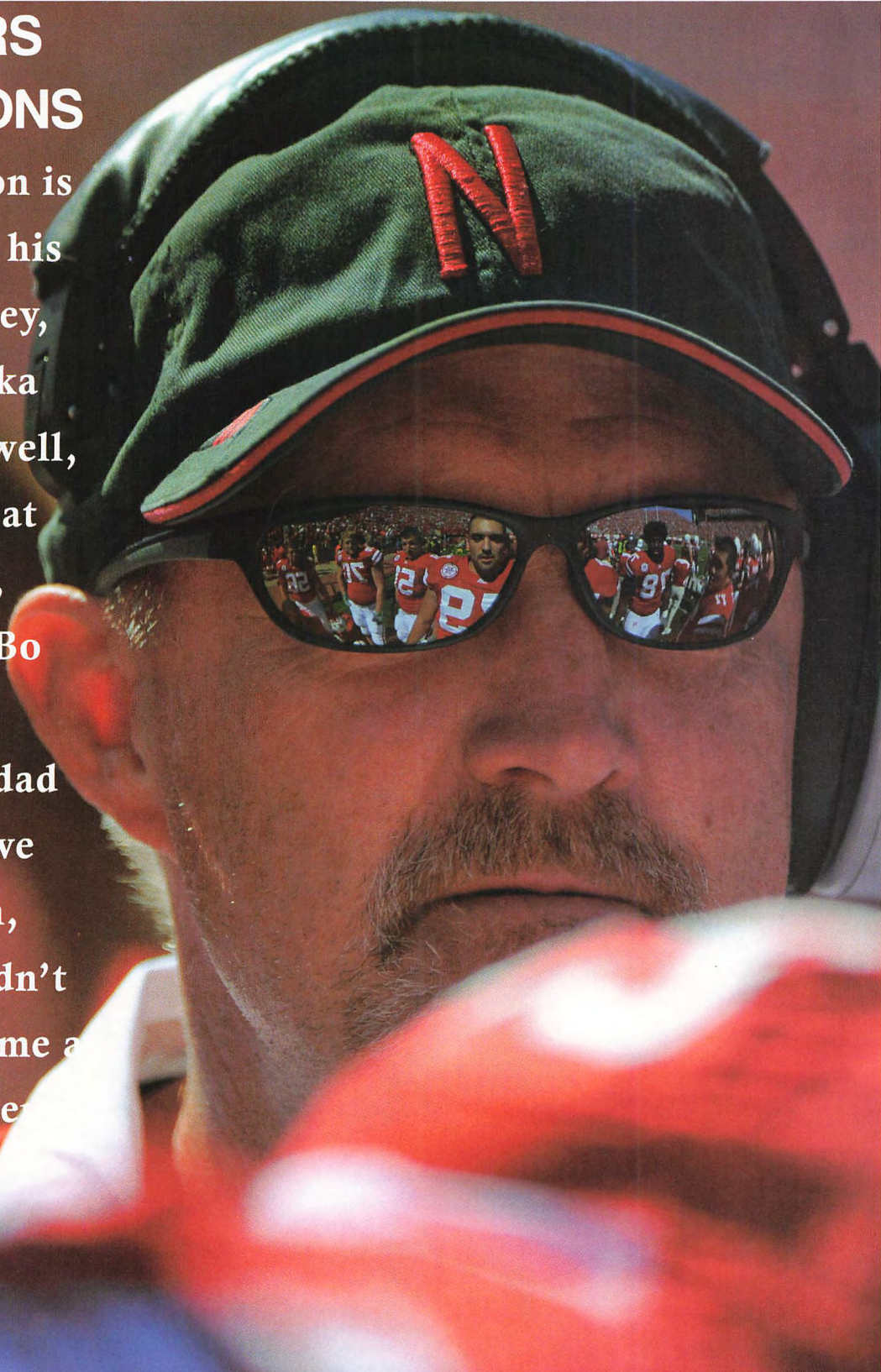
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## FATHERS AND SONS

Ben Cotton is following his dad, Barney, at Nebraska because, well, Barney is at Nebraska, too. Had Bo Pelini not hired his dad as offensive line coach, Ben wouldn't have become a Cornhusker.



RANDY HAMPTON



## STAYING IN THE HUSKER FAMILY

Ben Cotton, TE (So.)	Barney Cotton, OL-DL (1976-78)
Jake Cotton, DL (Fr.)	Barney Cotton, OL-DL (1976-78)
Joey Felici, DB (Fr.)	Tony Felici, DE (1980-82)
Sean Fisher, LB (So.)	Todd Fisher, DB (1983)
Andy Gdowski, DE (Fr.)	Tom Gdowski, DT (1980-82)
KC Hyland, WR (So.)	John Hyland, DE (1970-72)
Brent Moravec, DB (So.)	Mark Moravec, FB (1980-82)
Jay Martin, DE (Jr.)	Bob Martin, DE (1973-75)
Cole Pensick, C (RFr.)	Dan Pensick, DT (1977-79)
Colby Starkebaum, LB (RFr.)	John Starkebaum, LB (1972-74)
Baker Steinkuhler, DT (So.)	Dean Steinkuhler, OG (1981-83)

In fact, Ben had already settled on Louisville. But his dream has always been to play on a team for which his dad was a coach. So he “got real lucky the way things turned out,” he said.

Playing on a team for which your dad coaches “can go either way,” the sophomore tight end said. “Some people want to get as far away as they can from their parents, especially if their dad’s a coach, kind of create a name for themselves. That was never an issue for me.

“I thought it would be awesome to get to play for my dad. Plus, my family, I’ll be able to see them whenever I want, be able to see my brothers play, and get to play with my brother now, too.”

Younger brother Jake is a freshman defensive lineman.

Ben and Jake are among 11 Huskers whose fathers earned letters at Nebraska (see chart above).

In addition, Micah Kreikemeier’s father, Keith, was a Husker walk-on in the early 1980s.

Ben and Jake Cotton also are among eight Huskers whose fathers have NFL connections. Barney Cotton played in the NFL with the Cincinnati Bengals and St. Louis Cardinals (1979-82).

### THE OTHERS

- ▶ Anthony Blue, CB (Jr.) & Anthony Blue, Sr. (Seattle, 1987)
- ▶ Zac Lee, QB (Sr.) & Bob Lee (Minnesota, Atlanta, Los Angeles Rams, 1969-80)
- ▶ Jay Martin, DE (Jr.) & Bob Martin (New York Jets, San Francisco, 1976-79)
- ▶ **Baker Steinkuhler, DT (So.) & Dean Steinkuhler (Houston, 1984-91)**
- ▶ Anthony West, S (Sr.) & Robert West (Kansas City, San Francisco, 1972-74)
- ▶ Lester Ward, IB (So.) & Lester Ward, Sr. (Dallas)



## HI'S TOP 5

# FIVE RUSHING QUARTERBACKS



*Redshirted freshman Taylor Martinez has wasted no time establishing his ball-carrying ability, conjuring images of the best running quarterbacks in Cornhusker history. Only three have rushed for 1,000 yards in a season. Here are the top five single-season rushing totals by quarterbacks.*

**1**

**JAMAL LORD (2002), 1,412 YARDS** • As a junior, Lord carried 251 times, a school record for a quarterback. Eight of his rushes went for touchdowns.

**2**

**ERIC CROUCH (2001), 1,115 YARDS** • During his Heisman Trophy-winning senior season, Crouch carried 203 times, for 18 touchdowns.

**3**

**SCOTT FROST (1997), 1,095 YARDS** • Frost directed coach Tom Osborne’s final team to a third national championship in four years, averaging 6.22 yards per carry and scoring 19 touchdowns.

**4**

**CROUCH (2000), 971 YARDS** • As a junior, Crouch averaged 5.75 yards per carry and rushed for 20 touchdowns.

**5**

**LORD (2003), 948 YARDS** • Lord again topped 200 carries as a senior and scored 10 touchdowns.



# PERFECTION IS FOR WINNERS ▶▶▶

How difficult is playing  
linebacker at Nebraska?

"It's a lot harder to play here  
than other schools, I'm guessing,"  
**ALONZO WHALEY** said. "I mean,  
they tell you up-front, 'We're hard  
to play for. We coach perfection.'"

"They" are coach **BO PELINI**  
and his assistants.

Prior to the opener against  
Western Kentucky, Pelini "gave  
us a speech," said Whaley, a  
sophomore linebacker. "He  
was saying that, 'They say you  
shouldn't coach perfection  
because it's a road to failure  
because nobody's perfect.' He was  
like, 'The people that say that are  
losers.'"

Nebraska plays a "pro-style  
defense," Whaley said.

"That's what they coach.  
I watch other linebackers on  
Saturday, and their footwork  
is horrible. They don't get off  
blocks. And I'm like, 'What  
would Coach Pelini do to  
them?'"

Pelini, who coached  
linebackers for the Green  
Bay Packers before coming  
to Nebraska as defensive  
coordinator in 2003, "coaches  
perfection every single play,"  
said Whaley. "I mean, there's  
no play he won't be on you,  
critiquing something. You can  
never do anything too well."



ALONZO WHALEY

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### "YOSHI" HARDRICK

(pictured) and  
Lavonte David were  
teammates at Fort Scott  
Community College,

of course, and made their recruiting visit to  
Nebraska together. "It blew us away, and  
we just wanted to come here and play," said  
Hardrick, who had previously made an oral  
commitment to LSU.

Among those he met on his official visit  
to Nebraska was Athletic Director **TOM  
OSBORNE**.

Did he know who Osborne was?

"No sir," Hardrick said.

Did he pretend he knew who the Hall  
of Fame coach was?

Yes, "pretended," said Hardrick.



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## MOORE CONFIDENCE

After taking a third hard hit that day, **Blake Lawrence** thought "You go tell the trainers today's your **last day of practice**, today's your **last day of football**. Today's the last day your wear pads, you wear a helmet. Today's the last day you do anything."

by Brian Rosenthal

## Blake Lawrence



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## No time for shut-eye

Truth be told, most freshmen have to learn to study film.

"I believe you do," said sophomore defensive end **CAMERON MEREDITH**.

Film study doesn't come naturally for young players because they've all been the best of the best in high school. They're successful because of their athletic ability. Collegiate success, however, depends on more than size, speed and strength. It requires technique, seeing mistakes and correcting them.

"When I first got here, I was like, 'Oh, my gosh, an hour of film; I'm losing my mind.' I'm falling asleep and

stuff," Meredith said. "But you know, as you get the hang of it, you're watching yourself and your mistakes because you understand the defense better and you understand what you're supposed to do. So that really helps you in focusing on what you're doing.

"Every time I mess up it's because I took a bad step or didn't have my hands (placed properly) or I'm looking in the backfield; I'm not looking at my man. That's how important just the little things are. Everything goes back to the basic steps, and if that's not right, you're never going to play."



## GOT IT, COACH . . . NOT

As a freshman, safety **P.J. SMITH** was hesitant to admit what he didn't know. "You just sit there, 'Yeh, Coach, I know what you mean.' But then, 'Oh, shoot, what do I have to do?' Once you learn the system, you don't have to think anymore. You just react. That's the bottom line."

## SIDELINES



### OUTSIDE THE LINES

Variety is the spice of life, and Nebraska's offense. "I want to color outside the lines a little bit because I know how that gives defensive teams problems," **SHAWN WATSON** said.

Asked if he intended to keep the offense "vanilla" the first couple of games, the Cornhuskers' offensive coordinator replied: "We're not. We don't believe in vanilla. Vanilla's bad."

### ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL

Note to Cornhusker quarterbacks: You're all in this together.

"We don't allow any selfishness in our room, no self-centeredness," said offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach **SHAWN WATSON**. "I try to create an environment where they have to help each other and are required to help each other in those situations where it is a film study or practice, where they need each other to help each other. It works out really well."

That's part of the team's culture. "That's exactly what **BO (PELINI)** does with everybody," Watson said. "So it's good to see that culture is embedded in those guys, and they believe in it."



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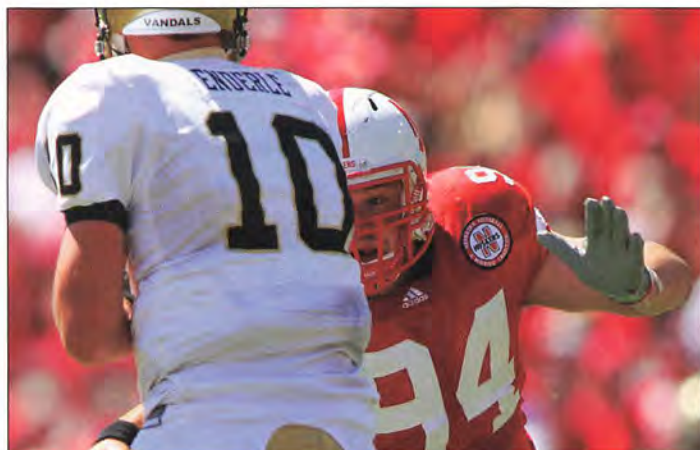


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## HUMILITY

**JARED CRICK** always accommodates interview requests. "That's part of our job of being a student-athlete, addressing the media," the junior defensive tackle said.

Not every player would agree with Crick, who doesn't do it for the attention.

"I've never really been big on seeing my name in the paper, never have," he said. "My parents always taught me to be humble no matter what. As long as I make my parents proud and my teammates proud that's all I really care about. Of course, I want to make the fans proud. But my family and my teammates, who are a part of my family, they come first; (they're) why I go out and play the way I do."

## NO FEAR

**CIANTE EVANS** is among only three true freshmen who have seen action this season, along with offensive lineman **ANDREW RODRIGUEZ** and wide receiver **QUINCY ENUNWA**.

"I knew we were going to need him, possibly," secondary coach Marvin Sanders said of the cornerback from Arlington, Texas. "I was hoping we could've held him a little bit. But it's good to have a young guy with experience. For a young guy he's not afraid, number one, to compete. I mean, he loves a challenge. That's exciting to him. And it matters to him, meaning he takes the time to understand defense. When freshmen come in and have that kind of understanding, it's really impressive."

## SIDELINES



### SELFISH, SORT OF

Linebacker **LAVONTE DAVID** (pictured) has made a rapid rise on the depth chart. Credit defensive coordinator **CARL PELINI** for that, according to linebackers coach **MIKE EKELER**.

"It all goes back to Carl," said Ekeler. "Carl's a very selfish human being, and he talked us into recruiting Lavonte. He said, 'I'm telling you, this guy's special.' We finally said, 'OK we'll do it.' And, you know, Carl just wanted to make himself look good."

Players with David's athleticism and instincts make good coaches.

"I keep telling Carl, 'Hey, keep being selfish and keep getting those guys,'" Ekeler said.



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Sat, Sept. 11	Idaho	Memorial Stadium	11:30 am
Sat, Sept. 18	at Washington	Husky Stadium	2:30 pm
Sat, Sept. 25	South Dakota State	Memorial Stadium	6:00 pm
Thur, Oct. 7	at Kansas State	Snyder Stadium	6:30 pm
Sat, Oct. 16	Texas	Memorial Stadium	TBA
Sat, Oct. 23	at Oklahoma State	Pickens Stadium	TBA
Sat, Oct. 30	Missouri	Memorial Stadium	TBA
Sat, Nov. 6	at Iowa State	Trice Stadium	TBA
Sat, Nov. 13	Kansas	Memorial Stadium	TBA
Sat, Nov. 20	at Texas A&M	Kyle Field	TBA
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# NO DECISION, NO DOUBT

Niles Paul took the direct snap in the Wildcat formation on the first play of the second half of the Idaho game but fumbled the ball as he was faking a handoff to I-back Rex Burkhead. No question it was going to be a fake. “Even if I had the decision, I was going to take it and run with it,” Paul said. “You can say I had the decision, but I was going to see it, take it and run with it.”



PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHN

## QUICK STUDY

Sophomore **ANTONIO BELL** was ranked among the top 60 players in Florida when he picked Nebraska after a stellar career at Mainland High in Daytona Beach, Fla. — as a wide receiver. Bell played there as a true freshman, appearing in six games and catching one

pass for 3 yards.

He was moved to defensive back in fall camp and was listed second on the first depth chart at right cornerback, sharing with redshirted freshman **DIJON WASHINGTON** behind **ALFONZO DENNARD**.

## SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES

Junior center Mike Caputo received the Jake Young Memorial Endowed Scholarship prior to the Idaho game. The scholarship is presented to a varsity football student-athlete

who demonstrates a high level of athletic and academic achievement as well as effective leadership skills.

Young (1986-89) was killed in a terrorist attack in Bali in 2002.

Junior defensive tackle **JARED CRICK** was presented the Brook Berringer Memorial Endowed Scholarship before the Western Kentucky game. That scholarship also goes to a football student-athlete involved in community service, with high ideals, excellent character and integrity.

Berringer (1992-95) died in a light plane crash on April 18, 1996.

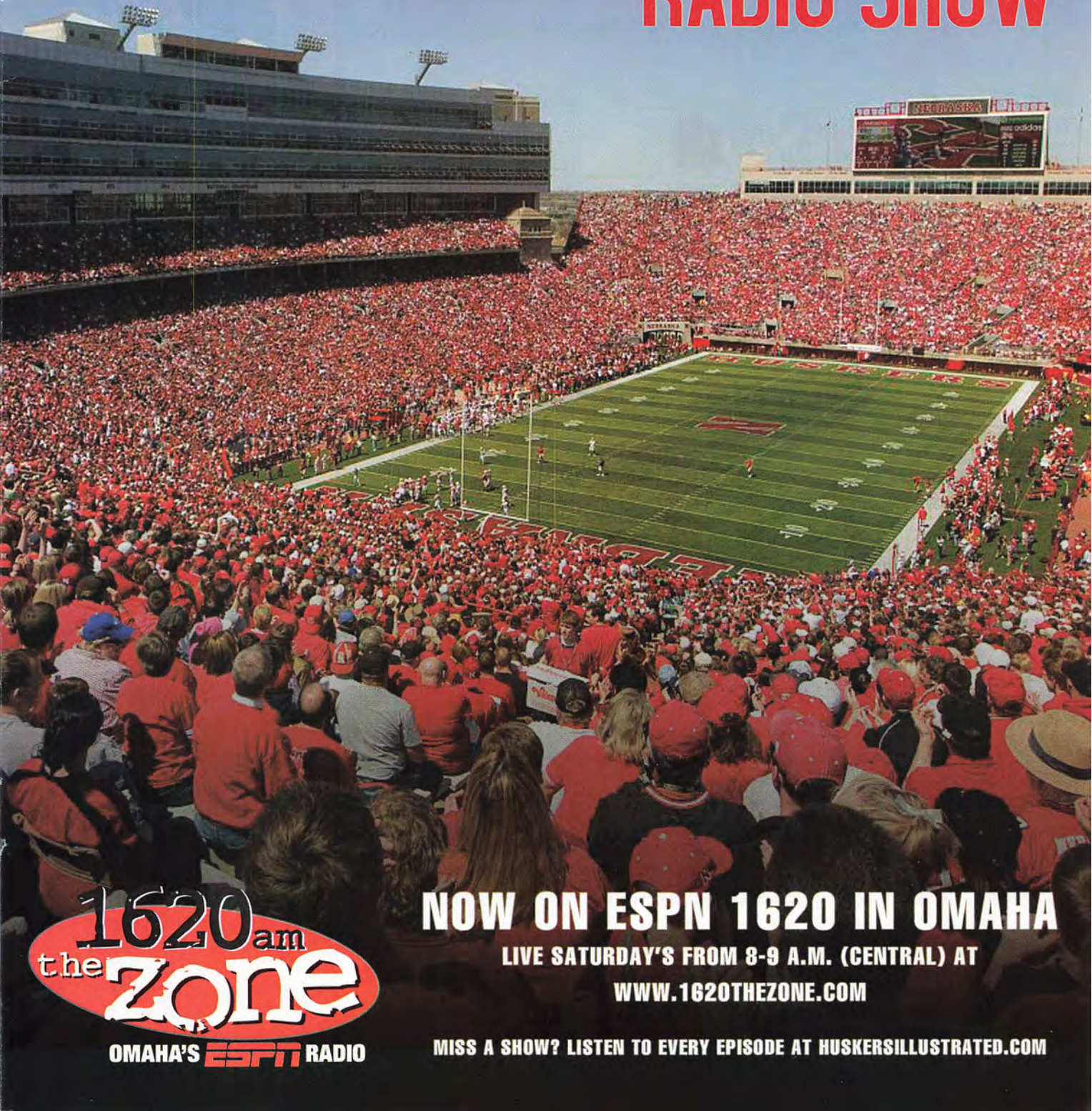




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## McCook



**JEFF KINNEY** finished his Cornhusker career as the leading rusher in school history (545 carries, 2,244 yards, 29 touchdowns), and he was the second-leading receiver (82 catches).

But the son of a Burlington Northern brakeman came to Nebraska as a quarterback and initially considered himself a better receiver than a ball carrier after switching to halfback a week before the first freshman game in 1968. The reason for the switch? Nebraska had three other quarterback candidates, all scholarship recruits as well: Jerry Tagge, Van Brownson and Max Linder.

Kinney was as heavily recruited as any of them. Every school in the Big Eight except Oklahoma offered him scholarships, and coaches from Texas, UCLA and Tennessee were among those who made trips to McCook to try to entice him away from Nebraska.

He emerged from spring practice his freshman year as the back-up to Larry Frost at wingback, but he was moved to I-back in the fall, after Joe Orduna and Frank Vactor were sidelined by injuries, and led the Cornhuskers in rushing, receiving and scoring to earn Big Eight Sophomore of the Year recognition, the "most impressive debut since Bobby Reynolds in 1950," the Nebraska media guide said.

Kinney's breakout game came against Oklahoma that season, when he rushed for 127 yards and scored three touchdowns, two on runs, the other on a pass reception.

In 1971, Kinney became the second Husker to rush for 1,000 yards in a season (Reynolds was the first), gaining 1,037 yards, a total that did not include 99 yards rushing against Alabama in the Orange Bowl game.

A first-round draft pick of the Kansas City Chiefs, Kinney played five seasons in the NFL.

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- ▶ The Museum of the High Plains and Carnegie Library is located in McCook.
- ▶ McCook has been home to three Nebraska governors: Ralph Brooks, Frank Morrison and Ben Nelson, currently a United States Senator.
- ▶ McCook, which was named for Union Brigadier General Alexander McDowell McCook, was established in 1882 on a railroad line between Denver and Omaha.
- ▶ George W. Norris represented Nebraska in Congress for 40 years, 10 in the House of Representatives and 30 in the Senate. The house in which Norris lived in McCook was built in 1886. Norris moved to McCook in 1900.

#### NU FOOTBALL LETTERMEN

Bob Best, DB (1966-67-68)  
 Jack Carroll, HB (1950)  
 Clarence Cook, E (1956-57)  
 Howard Fletcher, E (1948)  
 Charles E. Hoyt, G (1918)  
 #\*Jeff Kinney, HB (1969-70-71)  
 Robert Kitchen, C (1960)  
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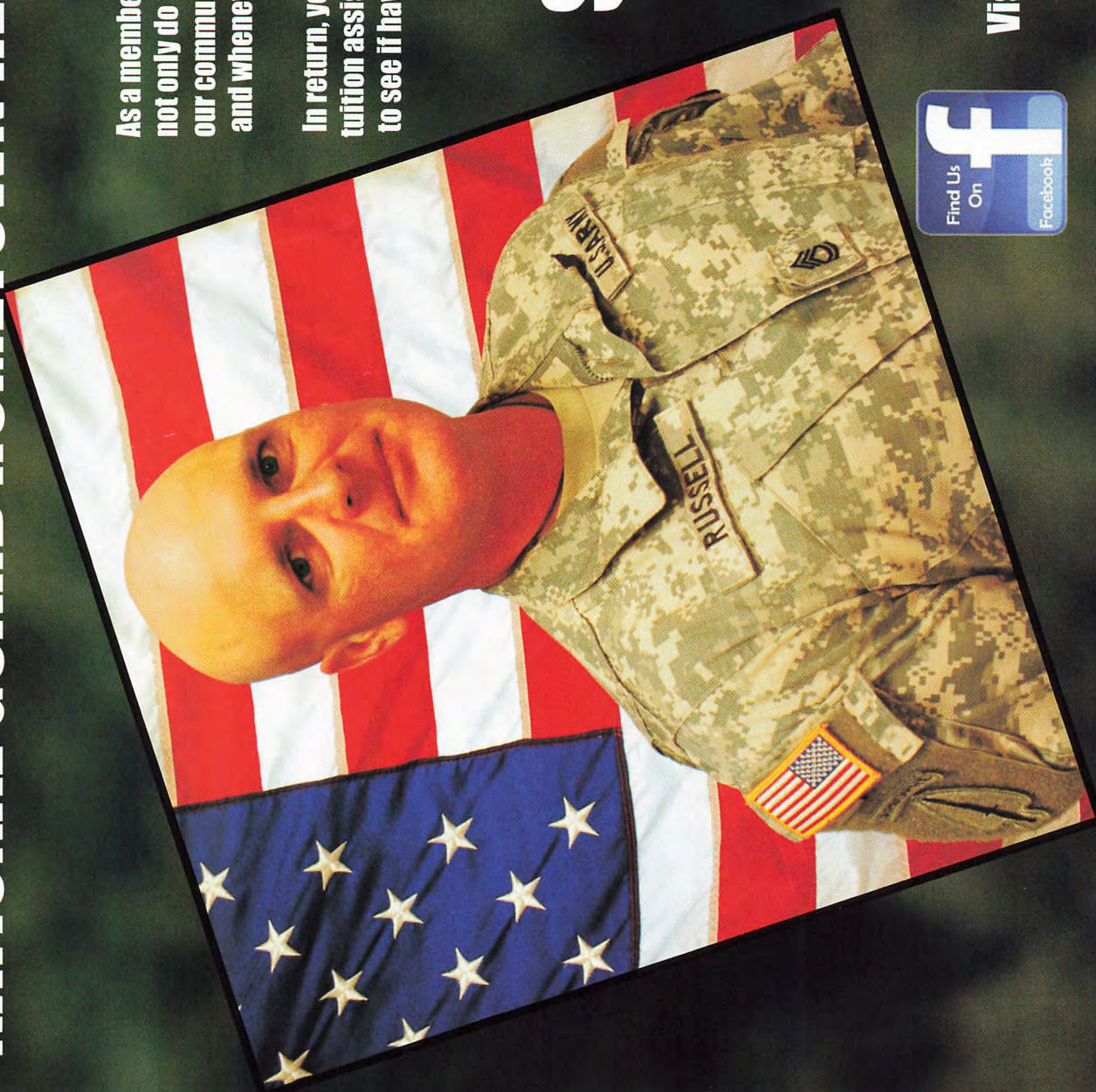
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## Purdue Boilermakers

*Purdue boasts several major award winners, but hasn't been able to land ultimate prize* | TERRY DOUGLASS



**THE NUMBER OF** recognizable names produced by Purdue's program hasn't necessarily translated into big-time success for the Boilermakers over the years.

Despite having 19 consensus All-Americans, including quarterbacks such as Drew Brees and Bob Griese and an all-time record of 571-487-48, Purdue hasn't won a national championship. The Boilermakers have captured eight Big Ten championships, but only one has come since 1967 (2000).

There have been six major award winners in Purdue's history, including Brees (Maxwell) and Tim Stratton (John Mackey) both winning in 2000. Griese (1966) is one of three

Boilermakers to win the Sammy Baugh Trophy, along with Mike Phipps (1969) and Mark Herrmann (1980). Most recently, Travis Dorsch won the Ray Guy Award in 2001.

Purdue has made 15 bowl appearances, with the most recent one coming in the 2007 Motor City Bowl. The Boilermakers have twice played in the Rose Bowl, beating Southern California in 1967 and losing to Washington in 2001.

Nebraska and Purdue have squared off just once on the gridiron. The Boilermakers won that 1958 meeting 28-0 in West Lafayette, Ind., against a Bill Jennings-coached Cornhusker squad that finished the season 3-7.

### DON'T MISS

Purdue University is located in West Lafayette, Ind., which is a 608-mile drive from Lincoln. The nearest major airports are Indianapolis, a 65-mile drive, and Chicago (122 miles).

The Boilermakers play their home games in Ross-Ade Stadium. The 62,500-seat facility features a Bermuda Grass playing surface and underwent a \$70 million renovation in 2002, which reduced capacity from 70,000.

West Lafayette was named in honor of General Lafayette, a French military hero who fought with the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War. Visitors might want to check out Harry's Chocolate Shop, which is now a bar that has become a favorite gathering place for students and alumni.



### HEAD COACH

**Resume:** An assistant under long-time Purdue head coach Joe Tiller, Danny Hope

took over as the Boilermakers' head coach in 2009 and led his squad to a 5-7 record. He was the offensive line coach at Purdue from 1997-2001 before returning as assistant head coach in 2008.

### NAMES TO KNOW

**DREW BREES:** (Left) Left Purdue with Big Ten records for passing yards (11,792), total offense (12,693) and touchdown passes (90). The four-time Pro-Bowl selection led New Orleans to a Super Bowl championship last season.

**BOB GRIESE:** (Right) An All-America quarterback in 1967 and drafted by the NFL's Miami Dolphins, leading them to victories in Super Bowls VII and VIII. A member of both the college and professional football halls of fame.

**ROD WOODSON:** (Middle) While perhaps best known for being one of the top cornerbacks in NFL history, Woodson was an All-America defensive back for the Boilermakers in 1985 and 1986. He left school with 13 individual records.

**MIKE PHIPPS:** The Indiana native finished as the runner-up to Oklahoma quarterback Steve Owens in the 1969 Heisman Trophy race. Phipps did receive the Sammy Baugh Trophy, presented annually to the nation's top passer, that season.

**MARK HERRMANN:** Selected as a first-team All-American in 1980, Herrmann's 9,946 career passing yards stood as a NCAA record at the time. One of just three Purdue quarterbacks to start in three consecutive bowl games.





**STATE  
OF THE  
HUSKERS**  
BY CURT MCKEEVER

## Players can benefit from SDSU game

**ON THE SAME** day its old rival was knocking off Minnesota, South Dakota State lost its season-opener to Delaware 26-3.

No, the Jackrabbits of Football Championship Subdivision aren't going to generate the same kind of pre-game excitement that will exist when Nebraska gets ready for its Oct. 7 Big 12 opener at Kansas State. But it's not like the Huskers are going to do things differently just because of the perception they might benefit more from an intra-squad scrimmage than a final non-league contest against a less-talented opponent.

Games that count, of course, are always better. Sometimes we tend to forget that a lot of players are still getting their feet wet on the big stage. Or we think that guys who've made a big splash on their first dive – like Taylor Martinez or Lavonte David – have everything figured out all of a sudden go on auto pilot.

Redshirted freshman Jeremiah Sirles knows better.

Though he was the starting offensive left tackle in his first game, Sirles' head still spins from time to time.

"It's surreal, really," he said of playing a significant role as a first-year player. "It's a dream come true for a kid like me. You grow up playing midget

ball, then go to high school hoping to play college ball. Now it's there. It's awesome. But I still have so much to learn."

Fortunately, he's in a great environment for that education.

You might think Husker practices are cutthroat battles between offense and defense, but that would be only part of the story. As much woofing goes on when one side is getting the better of things, these guys are all battling for the same cause. That's why you might see Sirles and defensive end Cameron Meredith, who frequently square off in practice, trading mental notes.

"Cameron will literally tell me, 'I saw you too far outside, so I cut to the inside,'" Sirles said. "I'll tell him, 'Hey, you telegraphed your spin, that's why I caught you.' We're all teammates here. It's not like we're trying to kill each other. We're trying to win a national championship."

Case in point. We remember Bo Pelini calling out the defense for "an absolute embarrassment" of a performance in the season-opening win against Western Kentucky, then seeing that unit respond by harassing Idaho's touted quarterback Nate Enderle into five interceptions the next week.

"That's what we can be when we're executing and doing things the right

way," Pelini said. "When we're hitting, we're a pretty good football team."

In that game, we also saw Martinez, who dazzled in his debut, commit four turnovers, and have to run down another fumble in the Vandals' end zone to avoid a fifth. The offense also committed seven penalties. So guess what? Those guys got an earful from Pelini, too.

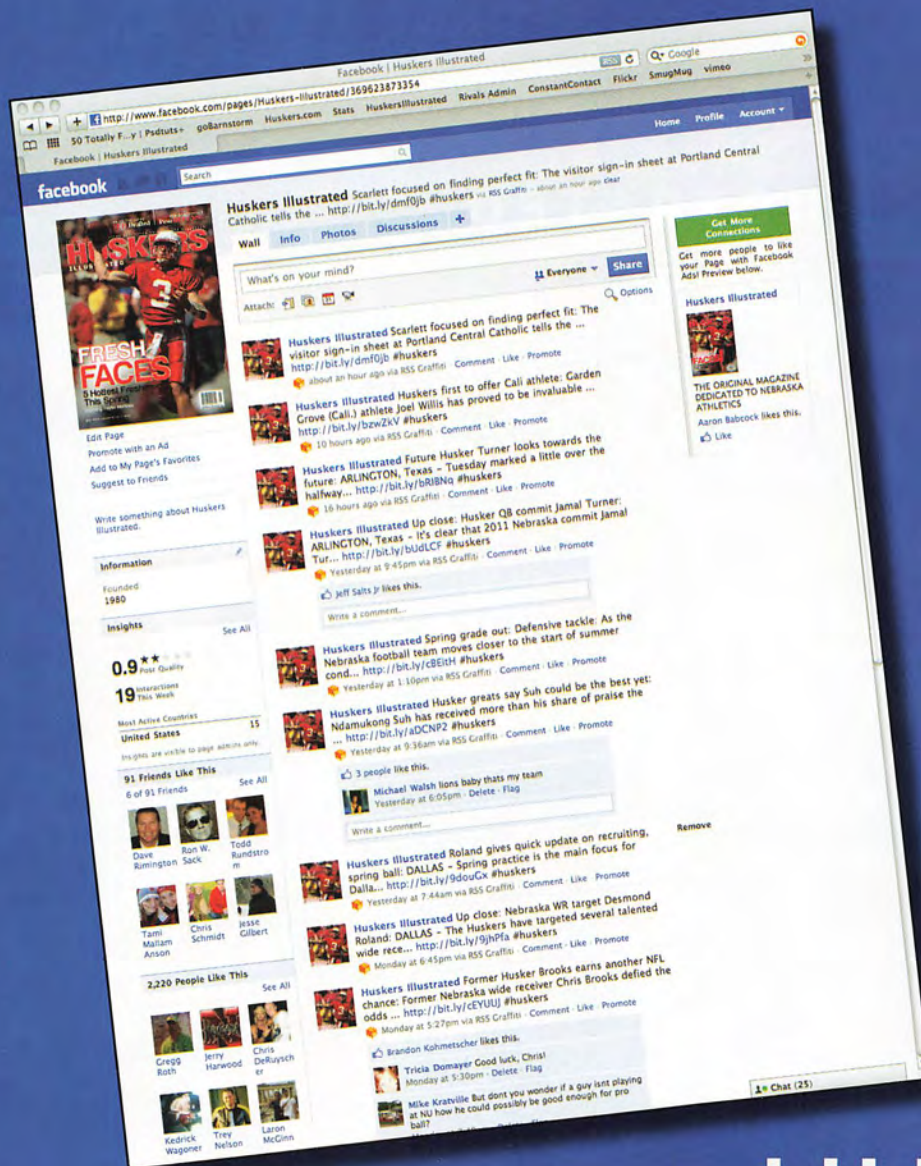
"The big test for him was he faced his first adversity," Nebraska offensive coordinator Shawn Watson said of Martinez. "He's going to be dealing with that now. He'll come through it, though. He's a tough guy. He's a tough competitor."

On top of that, the first two games made it obvious Watson has a cast that's equipped to do a lot more than last year's, which when matched against the most stellar units often looked like it was killing time while its defense rested.

"We have 'it' -- that thing. That's why we're all upset right now," Watson said following the Idaho game. "We can give a defense a hard time. It's night and day (from last year). We have a lot of players we can put in space and let them go."

Trust me, the Huskers will be just as happy doing just that against South Dakota State. **M**





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## FIVE QUESTIONS

# Graham Stoddard

*Local Walk-On Finds Place on Special Teams*

**LINCOLN SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL HAS BEEN AROUND LESS THAN 10 YEARS** but has produced its share of Husker football players.

Steinkuhler, Austin Cassidy and Ben Martin as former Silver Hawks who've come to Nebraska.

"I'm telling you, they're a good football team," Stoddard said of his alma mater. "Coach (Mark) King has a good thing going there. They always produce good athletes."

Stoddard said Southwest's weight training program helps set the school apart from many other high schools. He credits a top-notch

weight room, but more so the person who runs it.

"Coach King is really on top of the

ball there with what he has everybody doing," Stoddard said. "I think he kind of sets people apart. Lifting is just as much a part of the game as practicing."

Like any new program, Southwest needed a couple of seasons to get going. By the time Stoddard began high school, the Silver Hawks were a playoff team.

"My sophomore year they were in state finals, and my junior year, we lost in a three-overtime game with Millard North," he said. "So by the time I got to the varsity level, they were pretty set in stone as being a good football team in Nebraska."



Graham Stoddard is a walk-on who's been finding a niche on special teams. He joins Ty Steinkuhler, Baker

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**HUSKERS ILLUSTRATED** Who's the funniest player on the team?

**GRAHAM STODDARD** There's a bunch of them, but I think the most consistent is T-Mo (Terrence Moore). That kid can just make anybody laugh at any time.

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**HI** What do you think of the iPads Ndamukong Suh bought for the team?

**STODDARD** They're pretty sweet. We're supposed to be getting this new program they're going to install. It's nice for communication. It was really nice during camp, when they'd say be in tuned for schedule changes, and you'd come to your iPad and see you've got mail, and you click on it and it says, 'Meeting's changed to 1:45.'

3

**HI** If you weren't playing football, what sport would you be playing?

**STODDARD** Soccer. I love soccer. It's a sport I've never really played, but I've always loved. I played it when I was really, really young, and when I grew up I always admired soccer and how they can run for that long of time.

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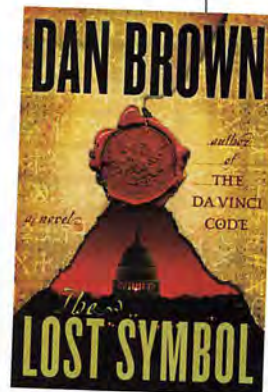
**HI** What's the last book you read?

**STODDARD** "The Lost Symbol," by Dan Brown.

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**HI** What's your nickname?

**STODDARD** I don't know if I have a nickname. The only thing I can remember being called is J.P. (coach John Papuchis) calls me a rockhead for hitting the wedge on kickoffs.









by Terry Douglass

## TURNING POINT



PHOTO BY AARON BABCOCK

# Whatta rush!

**WHILE NEBRASKA WAS** able to pull away for a 56-21 victory at Washington, a second-quarter turnover left the Cornhuskers feeling anything but comfortable.

Leading 21-7, Nebraska backup quarterback Cody Green lost a fumble that was returned by Washington's Nathan Feller to the Huskers' 6-yard line. The Huskies quickly cashed in on the opportunity as Chris Polk's 2-yard touchdown run and the point-after kick reduced NU's lead to 21-14 with 5:06 left before halftime.

"We kind of gave them one there," Nebraska coach Bo Pelini said. "We had the momentum pretty much in hand and, obviously, we put the ball on the ground."

However, the way the Cornhuskers responded to adversity was arguably the game's deciding factor. Sparked by Brandon Kinnie's 39-yard kickoff return, Nebraska marched 48 yards in eight plays – all rushing – scoring on a 1-yard plunge by quarterback Taylor Martinez to regain a two-TD lead with 1:19 left in the first half.

"That really was the difference in the game," Pelini said. "We took control of the line of scrimmage on that drive and went down there

and got a score before the half. I thought that was really big for our football team."

The key drive started with Nebraska offensive coordinator Shawn Watson calling four consecutive runs by I-back Rex Burkhead, who gained 7, 10, 9 and 3 yards. Fellow I-back Roy Helu Jr. then had runs of 4, 6 and 8 yards, setting up Martinez's 1-yard score.

"Going into the possession, we knew we were just going to run the ball," Burkhead said. "Coach Watson kind of keyed that down from the press box that that was our goal for that drive and just really set the tempo for the run game."

"It was huge going into halftime with that momentum."

Dominance up front helped Nebraska gain 533 yards of total offense, including 383 on the ground. Three Huskers topped the 100-yard mark in rushing -- Martinez had 137, Helu 110 and Burkhead 104 -- for the first time since 2001.

"The offensive line -- that was the key to the whole game," Burkhead said. "They were opening up some tremendous holes and they were just making our job easier." **N**

by Terry Douglass

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# GameNotes



PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHN

## MAKING AMENDS

**N**ebraska quarterback Taylor Martinez said he was particularly pleased with his 24-yard touchdown pass to Mike McNeill against Washington. Not only because the scoring toss gave the Huskers a quick 7-0 lead on the road, but mostly because it came on the exact same play that the redshirt freshman quarterback missed a wide-open McNeill on the previous week against Idaho.

"Last week ... I under-threw him big-time," said Martinez, who was 7-of-11 passing for 150 yards against the Huskies. "I'm glad we came back to that play because last week, I was really mad about that."

After making the reception, McNeill made a spectacular play to score. He dove for the end zone and was just able to touch the top of the pylon with the

football.

"I thought they were going to review it," McNeill said. "But I knew I hit the pylon so I was pretty positive I scored."

### HUSKER HOME GAME?

The devotion of Nebraska fans when it comes to supporting their football team on road trips certainly isn't anything new. However, after an estimated 20,000 Big Red faithful made their presence felt during NU's 56-21 victory over Washington at Husky Stadium on Saturday, the Cornhuskers were eager to show their appreciation.

Following the game, several Nebraska players went around the stadium, thanking Husker fans who made the trip to cheer them on them in Seattle.

"We talked to the players and said we need to make sure and thank those

fans. That was pretty special," Nebraska coach Bo Pelini said. "I heard a comment behind me on the first bus when we were coming in and when we saw all that red ... and they said, 'Is this a home game?'"

"That just goes to show you the kind of support we get. It's great. ... We've got great fans here and bringing that many people, I think, shows a statement about what Nebraska football is all about."

### ROAD WARRIORS

Facing its first test of the season away from Memorial Stadium, Nebraska responded favorably with a 35-point victory over Washington before a crowd of 72,876 at Husky Stadium. The Cornhuskers have now won five consecutive road games for the first time since the 1999-2000 seasons.

"Coming into a hostile environment, I



# GameNotes



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## REGARDED BY SEVERAL

pro football analysts as perhaps the No. 1 overall choice in next spring's NFL draft, Washington quarterback Jake Locker suffered through a miserable outing against Nebraska.

Not only did the Huskies' senior signal-caller complete just 4-of-20 pass attempts for 71 yards, but he was intercepted twice. The second interception was returned 31 yards for a TD

by Husker defensive back Alfonzo Dennard.

"He's a good football player," Pelini said of Locker. "I thought we did some things to take away the easy throws and I thought we played well in the secondary and the back seven. I thought it was a good effort, front to back."

Locker did lead Washington with 59 yards rushing, but appeared out of sync with his receivers for most of the game. The bulk

of his passing yardage came on a 45-yard scoring pass to Jermaine Kearse on a blown coverage by Nebraska in the third quarter.

"We mixed it up pretty good on him," Pelini said. "We just executed our game plan. We covered well, I thought we had a pretty good push up front and for the most part, we kept him in the pocket, which was big because he's obviously a really athletic guy."

thought it was a good step for our football team," said Pelini, whose team is 7-3 in road games overall. "I thought it'd be a nice test for us, going against a good football team on the road. It's a tough environment to play in and I thought our guys handled it well."

## TAKING CONTROL

Nebraska offensive line coach Barney Cotton said his players took a major step toward putting together the type of performance he wants to be the calling card for the Huskers.

"We've been trying to establish that up front for the last two years," Cotton said. "That's been our goal this year. We want to

be a more physical line. We want to be part of the answer."

NU finished with 533 yards of total offense, including 383 yards on the ground, while averaging 7.1 yards per rush. The Huskers also had a trio of players top the 100-yard mark in rushing in the same game for the first time since 2001 at Baylor in quarterback Taylor Martinez (137 yards rushing) and I-backs Roy Helu Jr. (110) and Rex Burkhead (104).

"That's a good day for us," Nebraska guard Keith Williams said. "It was fun. There's nothing better than when you tell the defense, 'Hey, we're running right at you,' and we just ran it right at them and kept moving the ball."



## TRAVELING PART

► Nebraska's travel roster, not limited for a non-conference game, included 86 players, 17 of them freshmen or redshirted freshman. The true freshmen: defensive back Ciente Evans, wide receiver Quincy Enunwa, offensive guard Andrew Rodriguez and defensive tackle Chase Rome, who has been sidelined by injury and has yet to see action. In addition, sophomore Will Compton, who is sidelined by injury, made the trip to Seattle. The travel roster included 30 walk-ons.

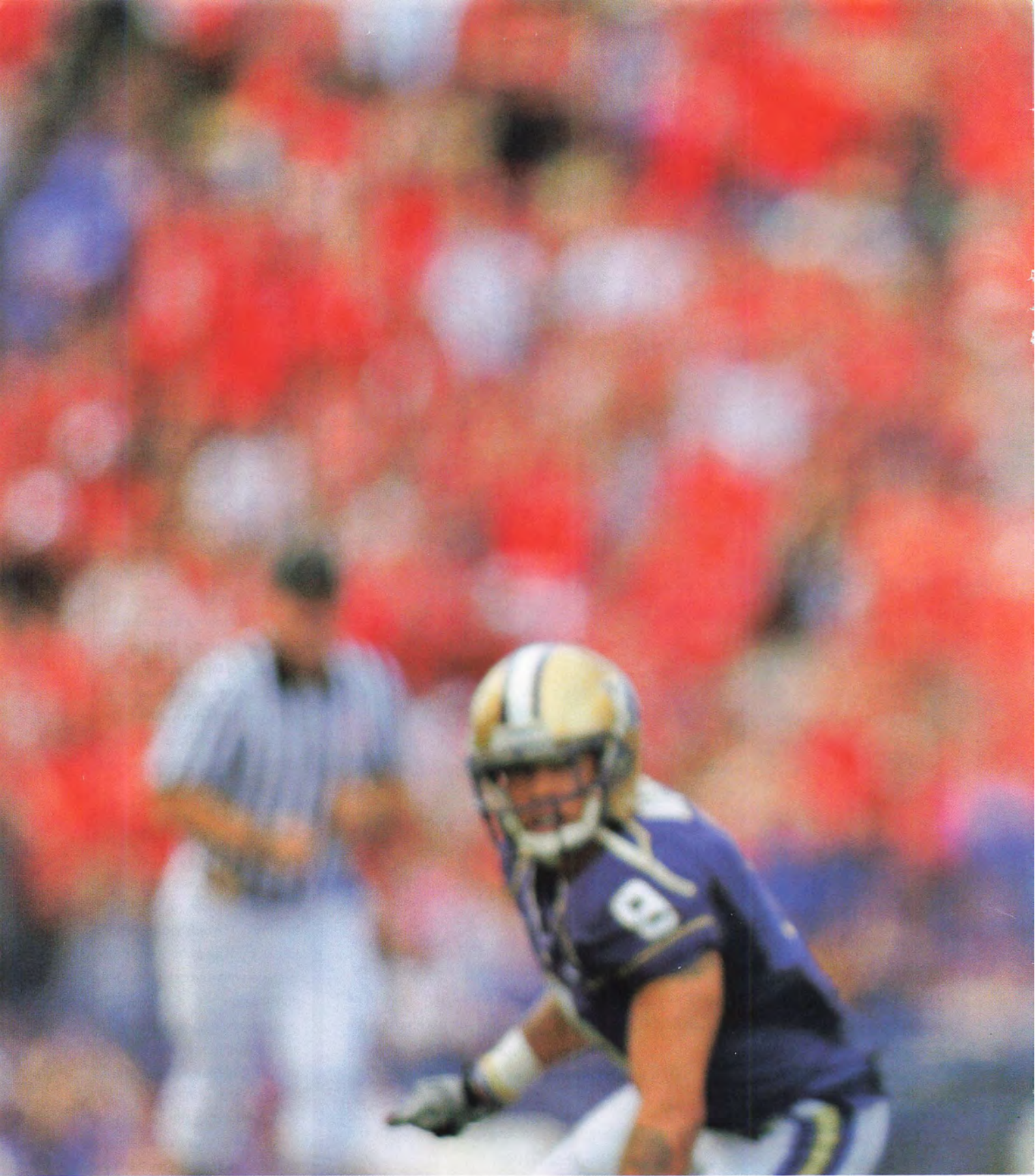
## WORTH NOTING

► In just three games, Taylor Martinez has 421 yards rushing to put him No. 8 on Nebraska's all-time single-season rushing list for freshmen. The redshirt freshman is just 38 yards away from Eric Crouch's freshman quarterback rushing mark of 459 yards.

► A 383-yard rushing performance against Washington gave the Huskers three consecutive games with 250 yards rushing or more for the first time since the 2003 season. It also marked the first time Nebraska has produced back-to-back 300-yard rushing games since 2002.

► The Husker captains for the Washington game were: Seniors DeJon Gomes and Roy Helu Jr. and juniors Jared Crick and Austin Cassidy.





ALFONZO DENNARD MAKES A NIFTY MOVE ON HIS WAY TO THE ENDZONE AFTER MAKING AN INTERCEPTION. PHOTO BY AARON BABCOCK

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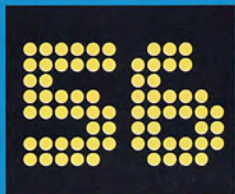




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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** 1) Eric Hagg breaks up a Jake Locker pass. *Photo by Scott Bruhn.* 2) Brandon Kinnie stiff arms place kicker Erik Folk during a kick return. *Photo by Scott Bruhn.* 3) Roy Helu races toward the end zone on a 65-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. *Photo by Aaron Babcock.* 4) Rickey Thenarse forces a fumble. *Photo by Scott Bruhn.*



## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

### BRANDON KINNIE

Quarterback Taylor Martinez could be in the spotlight every game to this point. So let's spread the love around and go with Brandon Kinnie. The junior wide receiver finished with five catches for 105 yards and returned a kickoff 39 yards. He also blocked well, drawing praise for a block on the 65-yard touchdown run by Roy Helu, Jr. early in the third quarter (pictured left).

What he didn't get was a touchdown, though he came oh-so-close. On his first reception, good for 55 yards, he was knocked out of bounds inside the 1-yard line, on a play that was nearly a mirror-image of Mike McNeill's 24-yard catch on Nebraska's first possession. McNeill was able to stretch the ball over the goal line for a touchdown before being knocked out of bounds, however. "I told him (McNeill), I said, 'Man, why didn't I dive?' He said, 'I was screaming behind (you). I can't hear you screaming,'" said Kinnie. "I should've dove, but hey, I thought I was just going to walk in there, but I didn't. But it's fine."

Kinnie's 144 all-purpose yards were more than he had all of last season combined.



#### RUSHING

Three 100-yard rushers, 383 total rushing yards and a 7.1-yards-per-carry average should be enough to justify the grade. And the offensive line deserves much of the credit. "The offensive line did a tremendous job today," said I-back Rex Burkhead.

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#### PASSING

OK, the standard is high. Taylor Martinez was efficient enough, but he was sacked three times. There's always room for improvement, right.

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#### RUSHING DEFENSE

After Washington drove 80 yards on 11 plays for its first touchdown, Nebraska adjusted.

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#### PASSING DEFENSE

Jake Locker is regarded as the top NFL quarterback prospect, and he finished 4-of-20 passing for 71 yards, with 45 of them coming on a busted coverage. He also was intercepted twice. "It's not really surprising," cornerback Alfonzo Dennard said of the interceptions, one of which he returned 31 yards for a touchdown, "because we work on this every day at practice."

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#### KICKING/SPECIAL TEAMS

Niles Paul and Brandon Kinnie provided big kickoff returns. Paul was steady returning punts. And it's taken for granted that kickers Alex Henery and Adi Kunalic will get the job done, which they did.

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**Aaron Babcock**  
(Season, Last Week) (18-6, 6-2)



**Mike Babcock**  
(19-5, 7-1)



**Terry Douglass**  
(21-3, 7-1)



**Kevin Kugler**  
(21-3, 7-1)



**Sean Callahan**  
(19-5, 7-1)



**Matt Davison**  
(20-2, 6-2)

South Dakota State at Nebraska	NU 59-0	NU 56-3	NU 63-7	NU 63-3	NU 52-7	NU 52-6
Oregon State at Boise State	OSU 31-30	BSU 38-28	BSU 33-31	BSU 31-17	OSU 37-31	BSU 37-24
Alabama at Arkansas	ALA 20-17	ALA 24-15	ALA 27-17	ALA 38-17	ALA 27-17	ALA 27-14
South Carolina at Auburn	AUB 24-21	AUB 21-17	AUB 17-7	USC 24-14	USC 38-30	AUB 18-13
West Virginia at LSU	LSU 24-12	LSU 15-10	LSU 42-21	LSU 38-21	LSU 27-20	LSU 24-10
Stanford @ Notre Dame	ND 30-20	STAN 31-25	STAN 21-17	ND 41-21	STAN 37-30	STAN 27-24
Kentucky at Florida	FLA 35-21	FLA 35-17	FLA 42-13	FLA 48-17	FLA 41-17	FLA 31-13
Oregon at Arizona State	ORE 42-14	ORE 42-13	ORE 48-45	ORE 55-21	ORE 45-20	ORE 37-17



## SUMMARY

### SCORING

Sept. 18, 2010  
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Attendance: 72,876

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NEBRASKA	14	14	21	7	56
WASHINGTON	7	7	7	0	21

	NU	UW
<b>First Quarter</b>		
McNeill, Mike 24 yd pass from Martinez, Taylor (Henery, Alex kick) - 12:49	7	0
<b>Drive:</b> 2 plays 48 yards 0:36		
Martinez, Taylor 1 yd run (Henery, Alex kick) - 10:45	14	0
<b>Drive:</b> 3 plays 63 yards 1:00		
Locker, Jake 7 yd run (Folk, Erik kick) - 5:11	14	7
<b>Drive:</b> 11 plays 80 yards 5:34		
<b>Second Quarter</b>		
Helu Jr., Roy 8 yd run (Henery, Alex kick) - 8:43	21	7
<b>Drive:</b> 8 plays 56 yds 3:40		
Polk, Chris 2 yd run (Folk, Erik kick) - 5:06	21	14
<b>Drive:</b> 2 plays 6 yds 0:42		
Martinez, Taylor 1 yd run (Henery, Alex kick) - 1:19	28	14
<b>Drive:</b> 8 plays 48 yds 3:38		
<b>Third Quarter</b>		
Martinez, Taylor 80 yd run (Henery, Alex kick) - 14:39	35	14
<b>Drive:</b> 1 play 80 yds 0:14		
Kearse, J. 45 yd pass from Locker, Jake (Folk, Erik kick) - 13:59	35	21
<b>Drive:</b> 2 plays 78 yards 0:33		
Helu Jr., Roy 65 yd run (Henery, Alex kick) - 12:06	42	21
<b>Drive:</b> 4 plays 76 yards 1:43		
Dennard, Alfonzo 31 yd interception return (Henery, Alex kick) - 8:21	49	21
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>		
Burkhead, Rex 19 yd run (Henery, Alex kick) - 7:12	56	21
<b>Drive:</b> 11 plays 80 yards 5:57		

## TEAM STATS

	NU	UW
<b>Total First Downs</b>	21	13
Rushing	15	10
Passing	6	2
Penalty	0	1
<b>Rushing Attempts</b>	54	39
<b>Yards Gained Rushing</b>	409	189
<b>Yards Lost Rushing</b>	26	14
<b>Net Yards Rushing</b>	383	175
<b>Net Yards Passing</b>	150	71
Passes Attempted	11	20
Passes Completed	7	4
Had Intercepted	0	2
Percent Completion	63.6%	20.0%
Yards per Attempt	13.6	3.5
Yards per Completion	21.4	17.8
<b>Total Offensive Plays</b>	65	59
<b>Total Net Yards</b>	533	246
Avg. Gain Per Play	8.2	4.2
<b>Fumbles: No-Lost</b>	2-1	1-0
<b>Penalties: No-Yards</b>	7-49	2-15
<b>Punts: No-Yards</b>	5-236	9-438
Avg. Per Punt	47.2	48.7
Avg. Net Punt	38.2	42.2
<b>Punt Returns: No-Yards</b>	6-58	2-25
<b>Kickoff Returns: No-Yards</b>	4-112	3-65
<b>Interception Returns: No-Yards</b>	2-42	0-0
<b>Fumble Returns: No-Yards</b>	0-0	1-11
<b>Miscellaneous Yards</b>	0	0
<b>Possession Time</b>	34:48	25:12
<b>Third-Down Conversions</b>	7-12	4-14
Percentage	58.3%	28.6%
<b>Fourth-Down Conversions</b>	0-0	0-0
Percentage	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Sacks By: No-Yards</b>	1-8	3-19

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### NEBRASKA

RUSHING	NO	GAIN	LOST	NET	AVG	TD	LG
Martinez	19	156	19	137	7.2	3	80
Helu Jr.	10	112	2	110	11.0	2	65
Burkhead	13	104	0	104	8.0	0	6
Green	4	14	1	13	3.2	0	6
Jones	2	9	0	9	4.5	0	9
Paul	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7
Robinson	4	7	2	5	1.2	0	3
TOTAL	54	409	26	383	7.1	6	80

PASSING	ATT	COMP	%	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Martinez	11	7	63.6	0	150	1	55
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Kinnie	5	105	0	55
McNeill	1	24	1	24
Paul	1	21	0	21
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>55</b>

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Paul	6	58	0	15
TOTAL	6	58	0	15

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Kinnie	2	75	0	37.5
Paul	2	37	0	18.5
TOTAL	4	112	0	28.0

PUNTING	NO	AVG	LG	TB	FC	50+	IN20
Henery	5	236	62	1	0	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

	FIELD GOALS	MADE	ATT	LG	BLKD
None	0	0	0	0	0

	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TT	TFL	SAC	PD	FF	FR
Martin	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Thenarse	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
Gomes	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
David	4	1	5	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Crick	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Allen	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Moore	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Meredith	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Smith	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Amukamara	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Osborne	1	1	2	1-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Steinkuler	1	1	2	1-8	0-0	0	0	0	0
Henry	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hagg	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0	0
Randle	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Dean	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Stoddard	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

INTERCEPT. RET.	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Hagg	1	11	0	11
Dennard	1	31	1	31
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>

### WASHINGTON

RUSHING	NO	GAIN	LOST	NET	AVG	TD	LG
Locker	11	71	12	59	5.4	1	33
Callier	10	57	0	57	5.7	0	23
Polk	17	57	2	55	3.2	1	9
Bruns	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4
TOTAL	39	189	14	175	4.5	2	33

PASSING	ATT	COMP	%	INT	YDS	TD	LG
Locker	20	4	20.0	2	71	1	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>45</b>

RECEIVING	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Kearse	2	51	1	45
Barnett	1	10	0	10
Aguilar	1	10	0	10
TOTAL	4	71	1	45

PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Aguilar	1	13	0	13
Smith	1	12	0	12
TOTAL	2	25	0	13

KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	TD	LG
Smith	2	41	0	23
Parker	1	24	0	24
TOTAL	3	65	0	24

PUNTING	NO	AVG	LG	TB	FC	50+	IN20
Rasp	9	48.7	59	0	0	1	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>48.7</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

	FIELD GOALS	MADE	ATT	LG	BLKD
None	0	0	0	0	0

	DEFENSE	UT	AT	TT	TFL	SAC	PD	FF	FR
Foster	7	6	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Jamora	8	0	8	1-2	0-0	0	1	0	0
Williams	5	3	8	1-4	0-0	0	0	0	0
Fellner	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
Aiyewa	4	2	6	1-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
Crichton	4	0	4	1-9	0-0	0	1	0	0
Richardson	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Gilliland	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Walker	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Folk	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Houston	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Elisara	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Ta'amu	0	2	2	1-3	0.5/3	0	0	0	0
Potoa'e	0	2	2	1-3	0.5/3	0	0	0	0
Lopez	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Polk	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Stevenson	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Shamburger	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Glenn	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Thompson	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Aldrich	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Matthews	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0





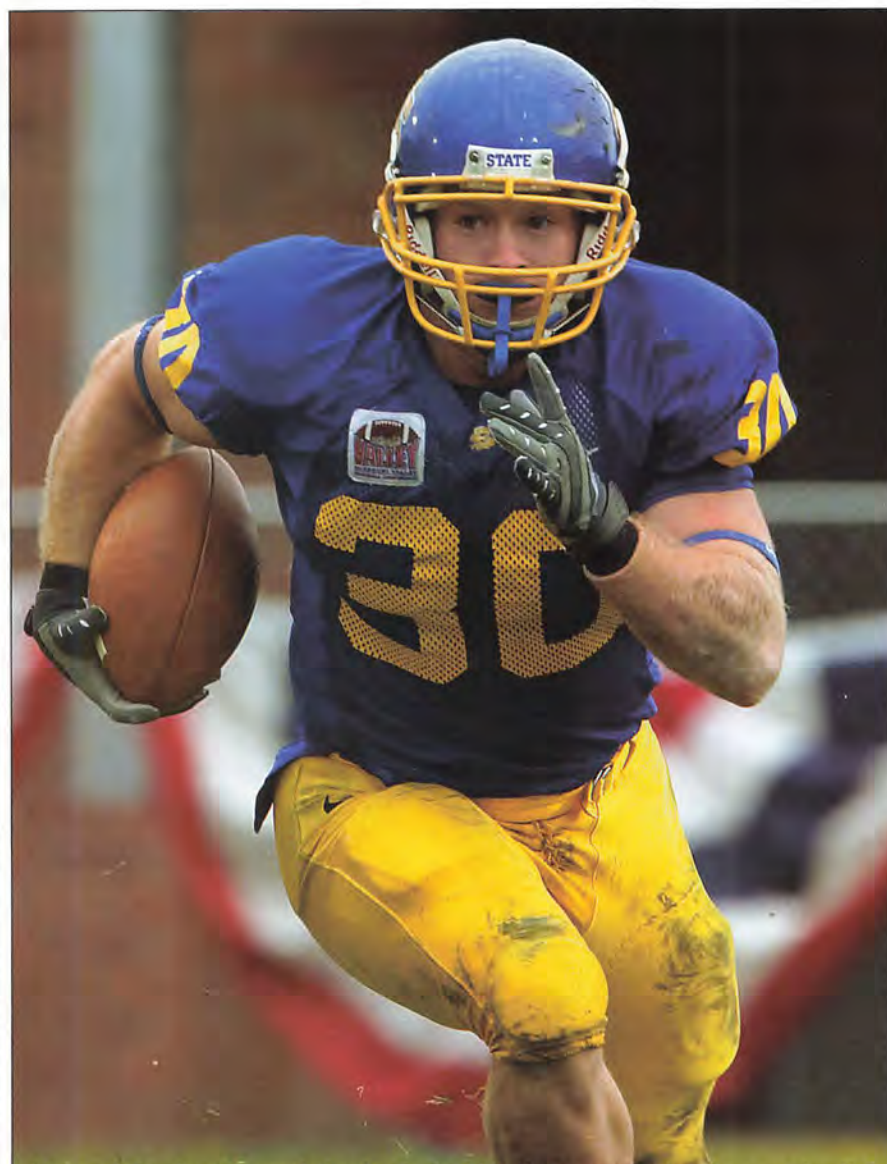
# South Dakota State

*Jackrabbits face daunting task against Huskers after falling to Delaware, 26-3* | JERRY TRICKIE

**DESPITE FEATURING** the third-leading returning rusher in the FCS, SDSU was outgained 257 to 25 on the ground in a season-

opening loss at Delaware. The Jackrabbits, who lost three starters on the line and their top three receivers from last year, were

led by WR Tyrel Kool (9 catches, 107 yards). Defensively, SDSU allowed 400 yards (5.3 ypp) to the Blue Hens.



After gaining just 34 yards in the Jackrabbits' season-opening loss, senior Kyle Minett owned 3,101 career rushing yards to rank fourth in school history. He posted 1,304 yards (108.7 ypp) in 2009 for his second consecutive 1,000-yard season and had 14 100-yard contests along with 81 receptions (727 yards) through Sept. 11.



## HEAD COACH

**Resume:** Coach Jack Stiegelmeier is in his 14th season guiding his alma mater, where

he owns an 83-61 record. Last year, Stiegelmeier led the Jackrabbits to their first-ever FCS playoff appearance and the program's first post-season berth in 30 years with an 8-4 record.

## KNOW YOUR FOE



**Colin Cochart, Sr., TE:** One of only three returning Jackrabbits with at least 10 receptions in 2009, Cochart

posted 26 catches and five TDs last year.



**Derek Domino, Sr., LB:** A two-year starter, Domino was SDSU's top tackler last year with 100

stops. He was credited with 10 tackles in the 2010 opener.



**Cole Brodie, Sr., CB:** One of four returning starters in the secondary, Brodie ranked fifth on the

team with 71 tackles last season.

## 2010 SCHEDULE

- 9/11 at Delaware, L, 26-3
- 9/18 Illinois State, 6 p.m.
- 9/25 at Nebraska, 6 p.m.
- 10/2 at Northern Iowa, 4:05 p.m.
- 10/9 Western Illinois, 6 p.m.
- 10/16 at Southern Illinois, 2 p.m.
- 10/23 Youngstown State, 2 p.m.
- 10/30 at Indiana State, 2:05 p.m.
- 11/6 Missouri State, 1 p.m.
- 11/13 at North Dakota State, 3 p.m.
- 11/20 North Dakota, 1 p.m.

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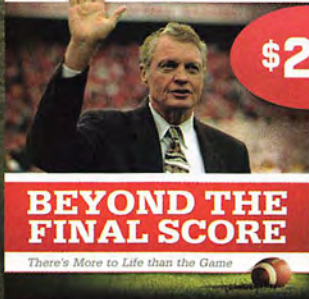


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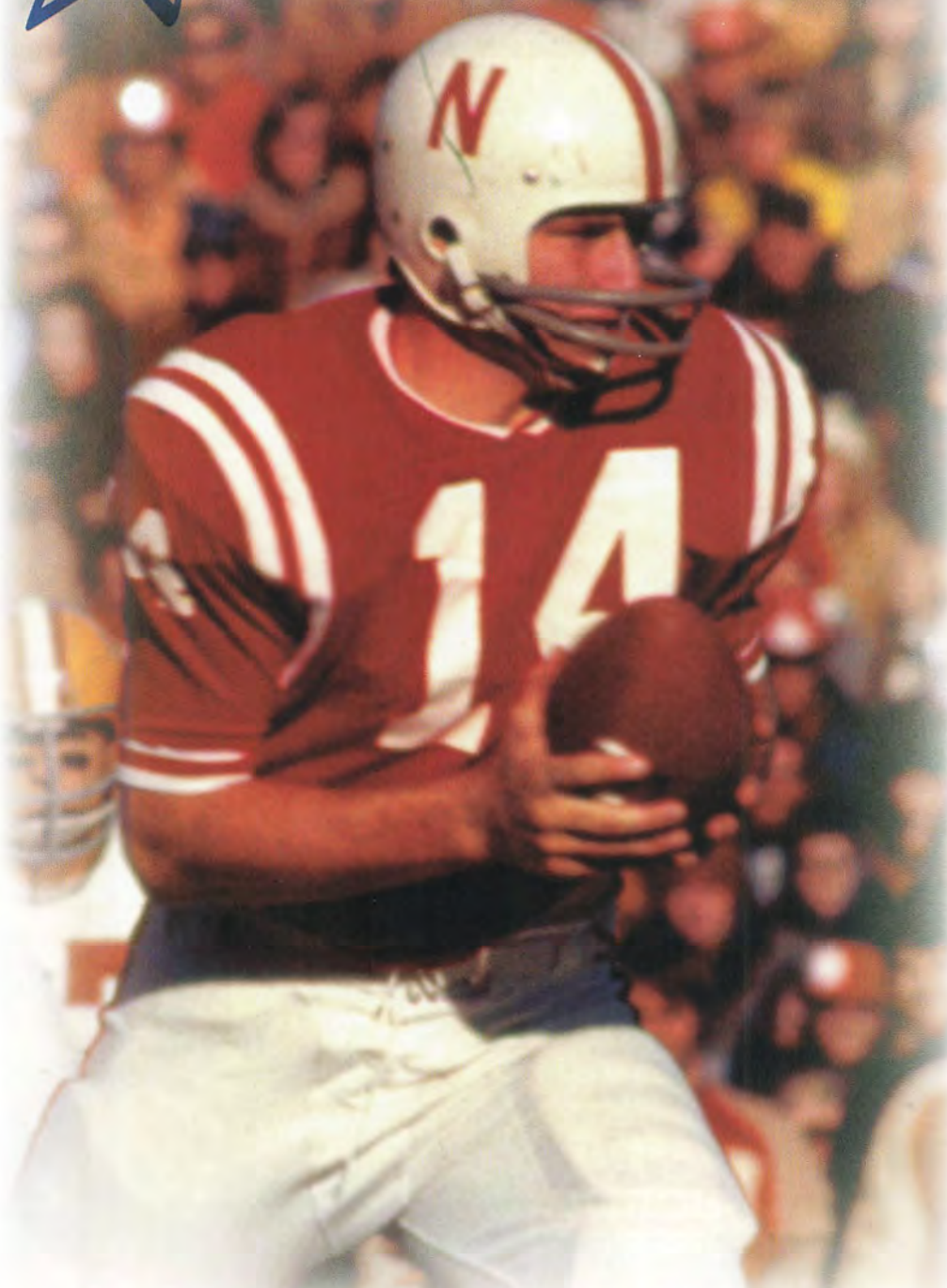




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**CATCHING UP WITH**

# Todd Millikan

**STILL LIVING IN HIS HOMETOWN OF SHENANDOAH, IOWA**

**TODD MILLIKAN SET** a record recently, and no, it had nothing to do with the mark he already unofficially holds – catching more wide-open touchdown passes than any receiver in Nebraska history.

The recent record is more about family and community than being in the right place at the right time. Even Nebraska Athletic Director Tom Osborne, who recruited and coached Millikan, couldn't help but notice how large his contingent was.

More than 70 Millikan family members and friends joined him at the 2010 Nebraska Football Hall of Fame Induction Dinner – a total that ranks as the all-time highest turnout.

Millikan, 44 and now in his 10th year as a probation parole officer for Page and Fremont Counties in his hometown of Shenandoah, Iowa, made quite a journey into the Hall of Fame, especially for someone who had no idea he even had Division I talent.

High School Coach Terry Ratliff convinced Millikan to go to Nebraska's football camp in 1984. "I thought I had a pretty good camp, but I was shocked

when Coach Osborne offered me a full scholarship," Millikan recalled, acknowledging that John Melton was assigned to recruit him that fall.

It's funny how fast word travels when Nebraska decides to recruit one of its own.

Notre Dame called Millikan after Nebraska. Then Texas called, followed by Oklahoma, Iowa and Iowa State. "I had my visit set up to Notre Dame the week after my official to Nebraska and then was all set to go to Texas the week after that," Millikan said.

So what was the difference among those three storied football programs?

"I ended up not going to the other two," Millikan said with a laugh, explaining that the weekend of his Nebraska visit, Coach Osborne seemed fine about his next two visits and possibly his taking two more in his home state after that.

Melton, though, reminded Millikan later that day about the Huskers having

only 17 scholarships available, and they might go fast. "So I told Coach Melton that I wanted to commit right then and there because I knew where I wanted to go anyway," said Millikan, who lettered four years at Nebraska, started two and earned first-team All-Big Eight status as a senior in 1988.

While Osborne told the Hall-of-Fame audience that it seemed like every catch Millikan made was for a touchdown, only 14 of his 40 career catches actually went for TDs.

His two most pivotal touchdowns were in the fourth quarter of a 30-15 Sugar Bowl win over LSU as a sophomore and an 82-yard score in a 26-18 win over Missouri as a senior.

"I owe it all to Coach Osborne's play-calling," Millikan said. "We ran so much

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*by Randy York*



# IN THE Red Zone



PHOTO BY RANDY HAMPTON

## LEARNING THE SYSTEM

Carl Pelini discussed the complexity of Nebraska's defensive scheme the week before the Washington game. Though the Huskers don't play a two-gap scheme, they play with a "two-gap mentality," the defensive coordinator said. "And it takes a

lot of experience."

Pelini used sophomore defensive tackle Baker Steinkuhler as an example.

"I watch Baker Steinkuhler growing up in front of my eyes, with every new experience," he said. "I see Terrence (Moore) and



**"I WATCH BAKER STEINKUHLER  
GROWING UP IN FRONT OF  
MY EYES, WITH EVERY NEW  
EXPERIENCE," CARL PELINI SAID.**



Baker and, even, Thad (Randle) learning. So it's a single-gap scheme but you play with such technique that you look for your opportunities to two-gap."

Learning the system requires discussion and communication between him, defensive ends coach John Papuchis and the players, said Pini. "It takes experience and it takes time.

"That's one thing; everyone wants to talk about losing (Ndamukong) Suh. We miss his game experience as much as we miss his talent."

Suh, of course, was the second player selected in the 2010 NFL draft and is now starting on the Detroit Lions' defensive line, along with another former Husker, Kyle Vanden Bosch.

Suh and Vanden Bosch were among 24 former Huskers on NFL opening-day active rosters.

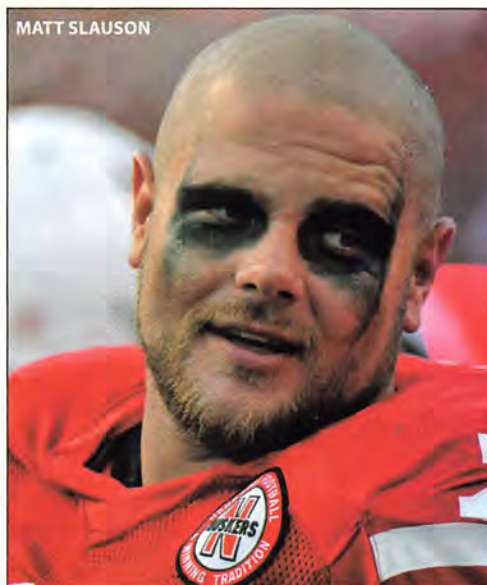
## HUSKERS IN THE NFL (Opening Day rosters)

*Titus Adams, DT	Cleveland
Zack Bowman, CB	Chicago
Stewart Bradley, LB	Philadelphia
Josh Brown, PK	St. Louis
Correll Buckhalter, RB	Denver
Josh Bullocks, S	Chicago
Adam Carriker, DT	Washington
Phillip Dillard, LB	New York Giants
Cody Glenn, LB	Indianapolis
Russ Hochstein, OL	Denver
Brandon Jackson, RB	Green Bay
Chris Kelsay, DE	Buffalo
Sam Koch, P	Baltimore
Lydon Murtha, OL	Miami
Carl Nicks, OL	New Orleans
*Chris Patrick, OL	San Francisco
Zach Potter, TE	Jacksonville
Dominic Raiola, C	Detroit
Barrett Ruud, LB	Tampa Bay
Scott Shanle, LB	New Orleans
Matt Slauson, OL	New York Jets
Le Kevin Smith, DT	Denver
Ndamukong Suh, DT	Detroit
Kyle Vanden Bosch, DE	Detroit
Fabian Washington, CB	Baltimore
Demorrio Williams, LB	Kansas City

### [PRACTICE SQUAD]

Larry Asante, S	Cleveland
Barry Turner, DE	Chicago

\*Injured reserve





# Nebraska visits falling in place

Linebacker slots narrow with commitment by Texas prep David Santos | SEAN STEVENS



MIKE EKELER

Nebraska seems to have a wealth of young linebackers, and with Klein, Texas, standout **DAVID SANTOS** (6-0, 215) already committed it would appear that only one spot remains in this class. Two top prospects hail from Florida: **KEON VIRGILE** (6-2, 225) of North Miami Beach and **KEITH LEWIS** (6-0, 194) of Lakeland.

Virgile includes Georgia, Minnesota, Ole Miss, and Texas Tech among his double-digit offers. Nebraska and a few others are high on his list.

"Nebraska, (Kansas and Kansas State), Syracuse, Western Michigan, and USF," Virgile said. "It's the defenses. And I do like Georgia."

Nebraska linebackers coach **MIKE EKELER** is working to get Virgile to Lincoln for the Texas game, but most Florida high school coaches discourage their players from visiting during the year to keep their focus on the season.

Lewis has 20-plus offers, including Auburn, Florida State, Michigan and USC. Nebraska's **TIM BECK** is making inroads with him, though.

"I'm building my bond with Coach Beck," Lewis said. "He recruits the area. I've seen him in person (at practice) a couple times. I don't know much about the school, but I do know about the football team. I know about the defense,

and I think I can fit in their scheme."

Auburn seems to lead, but Lewis claims to be wide-open.

## HAYES TO VISIT

Defensive end **JESSE HAYES** (6-3, 225) of Cincinnati, Ohio will visit Lincoln for the Texas game and has narrowed his options to Nebraska, Oregon and Wisconsin. Those three will get visits the first three weekends in October, with the Huskers showing their wares last.

Hayes' father, Jay, is the defensive line coach of the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals.

## JOHNSON SCHEDULES VISIT FOR MISSOURI

Defensive tackle **MICKY JOHNSON** (6-1, 310) of Covington, La., is among the most highly-recruited players in the nation. He will visit Lincoln for the Missouri game Oct. 29 and is also considering LSU, Michigan, Tennessee and UCLA.

## BARR ELIMINATES NEBRASKA

One player who doesn't seem destined to be a Husker is defensive end Todd Barr (6-3, 265) of Lakewood, Calif. Barr recently told Rivals.com that he had dropped Nebraska from consideration.

## COMMIT Q&A



### JAMAL TURNER

**At a glance:** Arlington (Texas) Sam Houston quarterback Jamal Turner is one of two four-star signal callers committed to Nebraska. Huskers Illustrated caught up with Turner for this week's NU commit spotlight.

**CALLAHAN:** What were your thoughts when Nebraska left the Big 12 for the Big Ten?

**TURNER:** It was kind of shocking. It's very rare that a good school that dominates in a conference leaves. I was kind of shocked, but at the same time I'm excited for the program. I know they wouldn't do this for a bad reason. I know they are doing it for a good reason to better the school, so I'm excited about it.

**CALLAHAN:** Who's your favorite quarterback to watch right now?

**TURNER:** I'm going with Michael Vick. I watched him play in week one against the Packers and he's starting to get back to his old self, even though they lost the game. I've always been a big fan of his.

**CALLAHAN:** The average number of text message you send and receive per day?

**TURNER:** Probably about 200. I hardly even talk on the phone honestly - I mostly just text to my girlfriend and other people.

**CALLAHAN:** What's your favorite restaurant?

**TURNER:** Olive Garden. I love to get the seafood alfredo, that's me and my girl friend's favorite. I love their bread sticks and the salad too.

**CALLAHAN:** If you could have lunch with any three famous people, who would they be and why?

**TURNER:** I'm going to say Will Smith, because he's one of my favorite actors, Mike Epps because he's funny, hilarious and crazy and maybe Kevin Hart because he's funny too.

**CALLAHAN:** What's a hidden talent you might have besides football?

**TURNER:** I can honestly be a great basketball player. I'm not just a football player. A lot of people say I could've been better in basketball, but I chose football.

by Sean Callahan



## 2011 Husker Commit List

- ★★ **AARYN BOUZOS**, DB, 5-11, 185, La Mirada, Calif. (La Mirada)
- ★★★ **DANIEL DAVIE**, DB, 6-0, 181, Beatrice, Neb.
- ★★★★ **RYAN KLACHKO**, OL, 6-4, 287, Springfield, Ill. (Sacred Heart Griffin)
- ★★★★ **TEVIN MITCHEL**, DB, 6-0, 175, Mansfield, Texas (Legacy)
- ★★★★ **TYLER MOORE**, OL, 6-6, 290, Clearwater, Fla. (Countryside)
- ★★★★ **RYNE REEVES**, OL, 6-3, 300, Crete, Neb. (Crete)
- ★★ **NIKLAS SADE**, K, 6-3, 190, Raleigh, NC (Wakefield)
- ★★★ **DAVID SANTOS**, LB, 6-0, 193, Klein, Texas (Klein Collins)
- NR **DAIMION STAFFORD**, DB, 6-1, 210, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. (Chaffey CC)
- ★★★★ **BUBBA STARLING**, QB, 6-4, 193, Gardner, Kan. (Gardner Edgerton)
- ★★★★ **ZACH STERUP**, OL, 6-8, 260, Hastings, Neb. (St. Cecilia)
- ★★★★ **JAMAL TURNER**, QB, 6-1, 173, Arlington, Texas (Sam Houston)
- ★★★ **KEVIN WILLIAMS**, DT, 6-2, 275, Holland, Ohio (Springfield)

## 2011 Unofficial Offer List

### James Adeyanju

DE, 6-2, 250  
Chicago, Ill.

### Jonathan Aiken

CB, 5-11, 185  
Hollywood, Fla.

### Antoine Arnold

WR, 6-3, 180  
Temecula, Calif.

### Jeremy Cash

S, 6-1, 185  
Plantation, Fla.

### Curt Evans

WR, 6-0, 173  
Hollywood, Fla.

### Christian French

Athlete, 6-6, 218  
Cedar Rapids, IA

### Aaron Green

RB, 5-10, 191  
San Antonio, TX

### Quentin Griffin

DE, 6-3, 230  
Rayville, La.

### Jalen Grimbale

DE, 6-4, 255  
Las Vegas, Nev.

### Jesse Hayes

DE, 6-4, 230  
Cincinnati, Ohio

### Christian Heyward

DT, 6-2, 269  
San Diego, Calif.

### Cyrus Hobbi

OL, 6-4, 285  
Scottsdale, Ariz.

### Charles Jackson

CB, 5-11, 180  
Klein, Texas

### Mickey Johnson

DT, 6-1, 310  
Covington, La.

### Lake Koa-Kaia

DE, 6-4, 250  
Honolulu, Hawaii

### Keith Lewis

LB, 6-0, 194  
Lakeland, Fla.

### Wayne Lyons

Safety, 6-0, 190  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

### \*Dexter Moody

LB, 6-2, 210  
Fort Scott (Kan.) CC

### \*Malcolm Moulton

WR, 5-11, 185  
Fort Scott (Kan.) CC

### Patrick Onwuasor

WR, 6-2, 190  
Inglewood, Calif.

### Todd Peat, Jr.

DT, 6-3, 300  
Tempe, Ariz.

### Givens Mordi Price

OL, 6-4, 278  
Houston, Texas

### Miles Shuler

WR, 5-11, 173  
Long Branch, NJ

### Joel Willis

Athlete, 5-10, 180  
Garden Grove, CA

### DeVante Wilson

DE, 6-4, 230  
Corona, Calif.

\* Junior College prospect

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## DEEP IN THE HEART OF TEXAS

BY JOHN TALMAN  
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# Recruiting about more than numbers

**THE STATISTICAL** nature of recruiting sometimes takes the human element out of recruiting.

For instance, it's easy to peruse commitment lists now and see the recruits themselves as numbers, ranked on a list for a fan to look at and dream about the future success of his or her team with this star player set to be on campus in just a year.

With the fast-paced nature of social media networks funneling out news and opinions like a runaway freight train, it's not hard to see why college sports fans look at recruiting and the recruits themselves in such a manner.

Of course, there is a human element to it and I think it's probably the biggest thing missed among college recruiting fans.

Case in point is Husker quarterback commit Jamal Turner.

There is no question he's already a fan favorite. Whether it's his dynamic highlight reels or an eagerness to get to Nebraska so fast he took summer and night courses this year in order to be in Lincoln for spring ball – it's easy to like him.

What you can't get from the printed word is how Turner can captivate his

teammates. How he's overcome more than most teenagers have to this point. Not only did the Arlington (Texas) Sam Houston star quarterback lose his older brother when he was just a freshman in high school, but before the start of his senior season, he lost his mother after a battle against multiple sclerosis.

Turner told many that his coaches made it clear he didn't have to play in the season-opener. He did and made it clear to everyone it was for his older brother and his mom.

He made them proud.

In that opener against Crowley, he put together close to 400 yards of total offense, including 298 yards on the ground with four rushing touchdowns.

I've done two radio interviews this year where I was asked if head coach Bo Pelini was not only recruiting top talent but higher-character young men.

I wanted to be careful in my response because on one hand it's hard not to agree.

At the same time, it's hard not to look at guys like Ndamukong Suh who was recruited before Pelini arrived. With what he did while at the university and after is certainly plenty to be proud of

if you're a Husker fan.

I think the biggest difference is the pride these commits are already taking in being a part of the Big Red of the future – many of them well before their senior year of high school had begun.

Turner and I chatted one day after his scrimmage about how Texas A&M was recruiting him. Despite his commitment, he explained to me they weren't giving up on him. Regardless, he smiled and told me that they were looking at him as a cornerback.

It's been no secret Turner at least wants a shot at quarterback. Judging by Nebraska's offense, it seems like a perfect fit. However, he told me that if he was going to move to another position, it would be in Lincoln – a school where he'd play anywhere just to put on the Nebraska jersey.

He told me (and this wasn't the first time) "I'd leave for Lincoln right now if I could."

Peel back the superficial layers of recruiting that you see splashed across internet headlines and what Pelini and his staff are doing in the recruiting class of 2011 is special.

And that's about more than numbers and stats. **N**



# Broekhuis quickly springs into spotlight

*Freshman Morgan Broekhuis has quickly proven why she was a prep national player of the year* | BOB HAMAR



**MORGAN BROEKHUIS**

PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHN

## JOHN COOK RECRUITED MORGAN BROEKHUIS WITH THE IDEA THAT THE 6-FOOT-5 LEFT-HANDED RIGHT SIDE

hitter would be ready to come in and contribute immediately to the Nebraska volleyball program.

So it was no surprise to anyone when the Huskers opened the season in late August that Broekhuis was on the floor against Kentucky at the Qwest

Center in Omaha. The freshman contributed six kills and three block assists to help the Huskers open the season with a sweep of the Wildcats.

"Surprisingly, I wasn't too overwhelmed, too super-nervous about it all," Broekhuis said of her first college match. "It's still

volleyball and I love to play volleyball."

Broekhuis averaged two kills per set and hit .187 as the Huskers went 8-1 in non-conference play. She's not playing all the way around in the Nebraska 6-2 offense, but she will eventually.

"Morgan has a chance to be a special player in this program," Cook said. "There are not too many 6-5 lefties who can play all the way around.

"The most impressive thing about her is the composure and maturity she has on the court. She picks things up on the court as fast as any freshman we've had here. When you watch her on the court, she does not play like a freshman."

Broekhuis led Colorado Springs (Colo.) Christian High School to four straight state championships during her prep career and was named the ESPN Rise National High School Player of the Year in 2009.

She graduated high school early and enrolled at Nebraska in January so she could go through spring practice with the Huskers as well as go with the team on its trip to China early in the summer.

"I think it's gone smoothly," Broekhuis said of her transition to college



## HOME COURT

The Huskers took their court with them when they traveled to Ames, Iowa, on Sept. 15 to play Iowa State.

The Cyclones have been playing their home matches at Ames High School because of damage caused to Hilton Coliseum during an August flood. With the match being televised on ESPNU, someone came up with the idea of using Nebraska's Sport Court for the match.

The court is the same one that the Huskers use when they're playing at the Devaney Center. It's in boxes when it's not being used, so it was easy to ship to Ames. Cook said the Sport Court made the high school gym look like a volleyball arena.

That's what Nebraska officials are planning to do if the plans to make Devaney the volleyball team's permanent home in a few years come through.

"We want it to look like a volleyball arena," Cook said. "When we go to design the Devaney, we're going to make it look like this is a volleyball specific arena so it doesn't look like a basketball arena."

## DEPTH FACTOR

One thing Cook learned during the non-conference portion of the schedule was that he has nine hitters who are all going to see playing time during the season. He found out that he can use different combinations of those players, especially at middle blocker and left side hitter.

"I feel really confident having any of them in there and our team does too," Cook said. "If somebody is struggling, like Hannah (Werth) was struggling against Illinois, it gives us options. Same with Allison (McNeal) and Jordan Wilberger."



## 2010 Schedule

### RUNZA/AVCA SHOWCASE

SAT, AUG 28 KENTUCKY QWEST CENTER OMAHA W, 3-0

SUN, AUG 29 FLORIDA QWEST CENTER OMAHA L, 2-3

TUE, AUG 31 CREIGHTON OMAHA, NEB. W, 3-0

### BYU TOURNAMENT

FRI, SEP 03 BYU PROVO, UTAH W, 3-1

SAT, SEP 04 CAL POLY PROVO, UTAH W, 3-0

SAT, SEP 04 IDAHO STATE PROVO, UTAH W, 3-0

### AMERITAS PLAYERS CHALLENGE

THU, SEP 09 DAYTON NU COLISEUM W, 3-1.

FRI, SEP 10 W. MICHIGAN NU COLISEUM W, 3-0

SAT, SEP 11 ILLINOIS DEVANEY W, 3-2

### BIG 12 CONFERENCE PLAY

WED, SEP 15 IOWA STATE \* AMES, IOWA W, 3-1

SAT, SEP 18 COLORADO \* NU COLISEUM 7 P.M.

WED, SEP 22 KANSAS \* NU COLISEUM 7 P.M.

SAT, SEP 25 BAYLOR \* WACO, TEXAS 7 P.M.

WED, SEP 29 OKLAHOMA \* NORMAN, OKLA. 7 P.M.

SAT, OCT 02 TEXAS \* NU COLISEUM 3:30 P.M.

WED, OCT 06 MISSOURI \* COLUMBIA, MO. 7 P.M.

SAT, OCT 09 TEXAS A&M \* NU COLISEUM 7 P.M.

SAT, OCT 16 KANSAS STATE \* MANHATTAN, KAN. 7 P.M.

WED, OCT 20 TEXAS TECH \* NU COLISEUM 7 P.M.

SAT, OCT 23 MISSOURI \* NU COLISEUM TBA

WED, OCT 27 TEXAS \* AUSTIN, TEXAS 8 P.M.

SAT, OCT 30 IOWA STATE \* NU COLISEUM TBA

WED, NOV 03 KANSAS \* LAWRENCE, KAN. 6:30 P.M.

SAT, NOV 06 TEXAS TECH \* LUBBOCK, TEXAS 6:30 P.M.

WED, NOV 10 KANSAS STATE \* NU COLISEUM 7 P.M.

SAT, NOV 13 COLORADO \* BOULDER, COLO. TBA

WED, NOV 17 OKLAHOMA \* NU COLISEUM 7 P.M.

WED, NOV 24 BAYLOR \* NU COLISEUM 7 P.M.

SAT, NOV 27 TEXAS A&M \* COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS TBA

### NCAA TOURNAMENT

FRI, DEC 3-4 NCAA FIRST AND SECOND ROUNDS TBA

FRI, DEC 10-11 NCAA REGIONALS TBA TBA

THU, DEC 16 NCAA SEMIFINALS KANSAS CITY, MO. TBA

SAT, DEC 18 NATIONAL TITLE KANSAS CITY, MO. TBA

\* BIG 12 CONFERENCE GAME



PHOTO BY SCOTT BRUHN

volleyball. "I think coming in in the spring kind of gave me an idea of what's it going to be like, and it's been kind of what I expected. As a team, we can perform better and I saw in the spring that we are a great team. We still haven't shown our best volleyball."

If Broekhuis had it to do over again, she would have enrolled at Nebraska early.

"I think it was the best decision I could have made," Broekhuis said. "Just getting used to college, just getting used to the strength program, getting used to the girls. China was an experience. It would have been a lot different if I would have missed that. All in all, it was huge."

Broekhuis had her ups and downs during the non-conference part of the schedule. That might

be expected, but Broekhuis came to Nebraska to be the best she can be.

"I think being here at Nebraska, you're going to expect greatness out of yourself," Broekhuis said. "That's why you come here is to be great. When I don't play as well as I would have liked, I just want to get to the next game, I want to get to the next match and get the opportunity to show my teammates what I have to offer. When there's a

good match, it's kind of a reminder of what I'm doing right."

Broekhuis also played setter during her high school career. With All-American Sydney Anderson back this season and the addition of AVCA freshman of the year Lauren Cook, who transferred from UCLA, the Huskers didn't need Broekhuis this year as a setter.

"The coaches said to me my first year as a freshman we're going to focus on developing you as a hitter," she said. "I kind of knew coming in my first year was going to focus more on the hitting aspect and then in the future the setting will come along."

When Anderson is gone next year, Broekhuis may well play the right side in the front row and set when she's in the back. She said it can be hard dividing your practice time between the two positions.

"Sometimes I felt like I was kind of torn because I had to work on this and I had to work on that," Broekhuis said. "But overall I had a good balance because setting just takes a lot of time, a lot of reps. I think I got those, but I was also able to do all the hitting and passing. I think it just takes a lot of time and effort to put in and I think I was well-prepared for it."

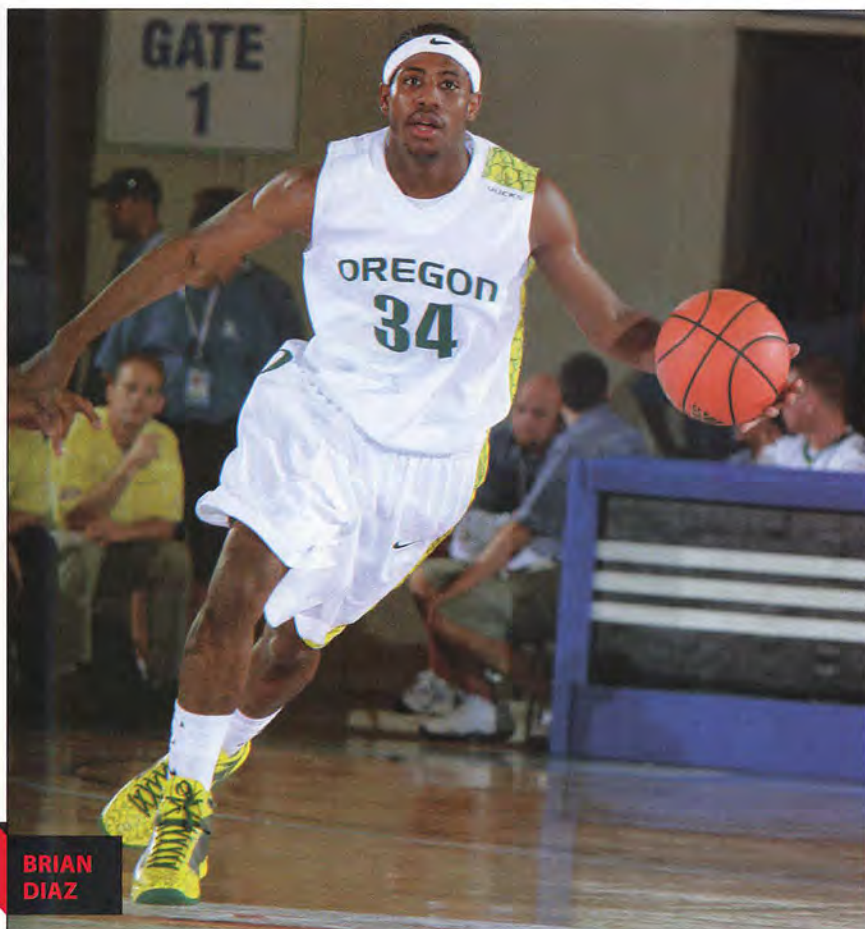
**6** Number of kills for Broekhuis in first collegiate match



# Around THE Horn

I BRIAN ROSENTHAL

THIS ISSUE MEN'S BASKETBALL WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SOCCER



BRIAN DIAZ

PHOTO BY BRIAN TIRPAK

## OREGON TRANSFER HAS HOOPS IN BLOOD

Kamryon Brown made sure his year off from college basketball didn't dull his skills on the court.

The Nebraska newcomer had the perfect person to help him stay sharp, too — a family member, friend and basketball talent.

Miles Simon, who led

Arizona to the 1997 NCAA Tournament and played briefly in the NBA, is a first cousin to Brown.

"He was like a second brother to me growing up," Brown said. "He was always there for me. He's pretty close family."

Brown, a 6-foot-2, 180-pound point guard, played two years at Oregon,

then left the program after the 2008-09 season. He took junior college courses last year in his home state of California, and worked out with Simon as often their schedules allowed. Simon, who returned to Arizona as an assistant coach, served last year as a television commentator.

"He just taught me how



## SOCCER

Nebraska's five-game winning streak came to a crashing halt with a 5-0 loss at No. 25 Arizona. The Huskers had defeated Arizona State 3-0 the night before as part of the Sun Devil Desert Classic.

Senior goalkeeper **TARA MACDONALD** played all 90 minutes and suffered her first loss of the season, dropping her to 5-1-0. Macdonald and the NU defense had held four of its previous five opponents scoreless.

Junior Molly Thomas led Nebraska with five of its 14 shots. The Huskers put four of those on goal but were shut out for only the second time this season.



to handle the ball," said Brown, a native of Anaheim, Calif., who signed with the Huskers in April. "He tightened up my handles a lot better, taught me to slow down the game but also make quicker moves, also read the floor better."

By the time Brown left for Lincoln, he said his overall game had improved – most notably, his shooting.

"That's the No. 1 thing we worked on, was shooting," said Brown, a career 39-percent shooter.

Brown's defense, court vision and leadership are reasons he's pushing returning starter Lance Jeter at point guard.

"Lance is a great guy," Brown said. "He welcomed me nice, treating everybody the same. We're just looking now to go out and compete and have a great year. We're pushing each other every day in pick-up and on and off the court."

Brown's father, Mryond, also played college basketball at Cal-State Fullerton.

"Basketball runs good in my family," Brown said.

## MOORE COMMITS

Josiah Moore, a 6-5, 200-pound wing player from Norcross, Ga., has committed to the Huskers, becoming the second member of Doc Sadler's 2011-12 recruiting

class. He joins point guard Corey Hilliard.

"I liked the team and Coach Doc. It just all seemed like family, all in one," said Moore, who committed during his recruiting visit on Sept. 11. "Just a lot of team bonding in there. They were all close, and that means a lot. And Coach Sadler, he's a cool, laid-back coach."

Moore averaged 10 points and 7 rebounds during his junior season for Norcross High School. He also plays AAU ball for the Worldwide Renegades.

Assistant coach Wes Flanigan, who joined Sadler's staff in May, had been

recruiting Moore while an assistant coach at Alabama-Birmingham. Moore chose the Huskers over UAB, South Florida, St. John's, Western Kentucky and Wichita State. He also had offers from Cincinnati, Auburn and Marquette.

## STUDENT LIFE COMPLEX

When Nebraska played in the Kickoff Classic against Penn State in 1983, coach Tom Osborne asked athletic director Bob Devaney to earmark Nebraska's \$500,000 paycheck to build an academic center for student athletes.

The complex under the west stands of Memorial Stadium was among the first of its kind nationally. More than a quarter century later, Nebraska has spent \$8.7 million to upgrade the facility.

On Sept. 10, the Student Life Complex was formally dedicated. The renovation, covering 50,000 square feet of West Stadium, serves the academic needs of some 600 student-athletes in 23 varsity sports.

The complex gives Nebraska another recruiting sales point. Men's basketball coach Doc Sadler told a crowd at the dedication of how a recruit he had on





campus that weekend was blown away.

"He spent four hours in this facility, and I can't even tell you what his parents thought," Sadler said. "They were speechless."

The center expands into the old weight room, and houses the Lewis Training Table, the DJ Sokol Enrichment Center, the Scott Technology Center, the Papik Compliance Center, the Hewitt Academic Center and the Abbott Life Skills Center.

## CROSS COUNTRY

Nebraska senior Lara Crofford won the Big 12's first women's cross country runner of the week award.

Crofford, a three-time

NCAA Championship qualifier, led Nebraska to a team title at the Creighton/UNO Classic. She covered the 5K course in 18:11.42, which was 44 seconds faster than the second-place finisher at the event.

Nebraska hadn't won a Big

12 runner of the week since Kayte Tranel won it in 2005.

## WOMEN ON TV

The Nebraska women's basketball team will make four appearances on national television this season – including its first

on the Big Ten Network.

The Huskers will face future Big Ten opponent Indiana on Dec. 5 in Bloomington, Ind., and the conference's national television network will televise the 11 a.m. tip-off.

Nebraska, playing its final season in the Big 12 Conference, will also appear on FSN three times – against Kansas on Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. in Lincoln; Kansas State on Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. in Manhattan; and Colorado on Feb. 6 at 3 p.m. in Lincoln.

The Kansas and Colorado games were moved from their original dates to accommodate the TV broadcasts.



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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

**GOING OUT IN STYLE** - Tom Osborne wasn't one to single out individual players. His emphasis was always on the team. But Tommie Frazier, the first true freshman quarterback to start for him, was special. "I don't want to give the impression this is a one-man program in the last four years," Osborne said near the end of Frazier's senior season in 1995. "But I would say if I were to choose one player who has had the most impact on the outcome of the greatest number of games over the longest period of time since I've been at Nebraska, it would be Tommie Frazier."

Frazier's legacy was established by then. He needn't have done more. Just for good measure, however, he rushed for 199 yards and two touchdowns in the Cornhuskers' 62-24 national championship-clinching blowout of Florida in the Fiesta Bowl game.





## GAMES REMEMBERED

# Jackrabbit Stew

*Nebraska opened 1963 season with a 58-7 win over South Dakota State, holding SDSU to minus 17 yards*

Nebraska was a heavy favorite, with the predicted spread from 32 points to as many as 52. Coach Bob Devaney said he didn't pay much attention to such things, but he hoped the forecasters were right about a Cornhusker victory. As it turned out, they were – and about the spread, as well.

Nebraska rushed for 352 yards and threw only eight passes, all by Dennis Claridge, the No. 1 quarterback. Four were complete and one was intercepted.

South Dakota State didn't pick up a first down

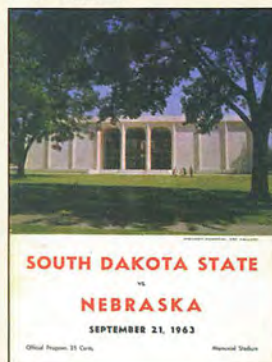
until the third play of the second half and then didn't pick up another until the final play of the third quarter. That was it, except for the touchdown. The Jackrabbits finished with minus-17 yards rushing and 31 total yards.

Sixty-one Cornhuskers suited up for the game and all but four played. Those four were intentionally held out with the idea they were going to be redshirted, according to Devaney.

Leading up to the game, the second-year head coach was concerned about what he

thought was his team's complacency. Instead, it "may have been a result of the fellows being tired," he was quoted in the Sunday Journal and Star. "I don't think we had a complacency problem today."

**BOB DEVANEY:** "We've won one, so we certainly won't get whitewashed this season."



## NEBRASKA 58, SOUTH DAKOTA STATE 7

Sept. 21, 1963 • Memorial Stadium

South Dakota St.	0	0	0	7	--	7
Nebraska	14	23	21	0	--	58

(N) Rudy Johnson 36 run (Johnson kick)  
 (N) Johnson 14 run (Johnson kick)  
 (N) Kent McCloughan 4 run (Johnson kick)  
 (N) McCloughan 2 run (Dave Theisen kick)  
 (N) Safety, Monte Kiffin tackles Ron Meyer  
 (N) Bruce Smith 1 run (Theisen kick)  
 (N) Dennis Claridge 1 run (Johnson kick)  
 (N) Bob Hohn 51 run (Theisen kick)  
 (N) Fred Duda 2 run (Theisen kick)  
 (SDS) Ed Maras 23 pass Meyer (Gale Douglas kick)

Attendance: 34,493

### DO YOU REMEMBER?

► The Extra Point Club led a drive to encourage Husker fans, men, women and children, to wear red to games. Wearing red would "give the team a boost," club president Charles Roach, Jr. was quoted the week before the game. Stores in Lincoln increased inventory of red clothing, from sport coats and sweaters to rain gear and parkas. The rain gear was useful. Nearly an inch fell that day.

► On the previous Saturday, the Cornhuskers finished two-a-day practices with a game-conditions, intrasquad scrimmage. The Red team, composed of the top units, defeated the Whites 47-19. The team also went through a controlled scrimmage on Tuesday.

► Nebraska sold 17,000 season tickets in 1963. Individual game tickets were priced at \$4. That was a standard price for all Big Eight schools except Oklahoma, which charged \$4.50 and \$5 for tickets to games against Texas and Notre Dame. Ticket manager Jim Pittinger noted that ticket prices at Big Ten schools were typically \$5.



# CROSSWORD &TRIVIA

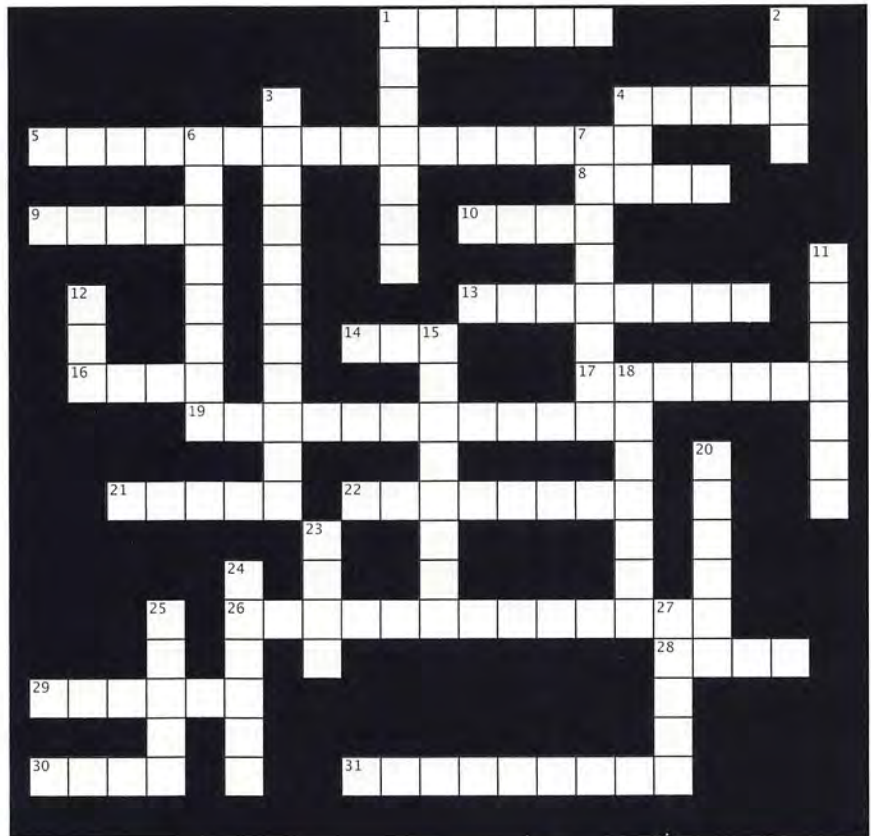
## ACROSS

1. Quarterbacks coach
4. Ndamukong Suh's NFL team (nickname)
5. Homecoming opponent
8. Rushed for 107 yards vs. Idaho
9. Wears No. 28 (offense)
10. South Dakota State color
13. Defeated South Dakota State in season-opener
14. Network for NU-Colorado telecast
16. Wears No. 28 (defense)
17. Secondary coach
19. South Dakota State head coach
21. Leading tackler vs. Idaho
22. Leading rusher vs. Idaho
26. Oct. 23 opponent
28. Network for NU-Kansas State telecast
29. Defensive line coach
30. 2000 All-America linebacker
31. South Dakota State campus location

## DOWN

1. 1997 Lombardi Award winner
2. Wears No. 5 (defense)
3. South Dakota State nickname
4. Wears No. 5 (offense)
6. Tom Osborne's alma mater
7. Returned interception for touchdown vs. Idaho
11. Backup center and son of former Husker
12. 2009 Lombardi Award winner
15. Pierre Allen's home state
18. Prince Amukamara's home state
20. Redshirt freshman offensive line starter
23. Kansas head coach
24. NU's second Heisman Trophy winner
25. Had 2.5 sacks vs. Idaho
27. Oct. 16 opponent

Answers will appear in the Oct. 7 issue



## HUSKERNUTZ



EVER SINCE BUCKY GOT THAT FANCY BIG-SCREEN TELEVISION SET, HE'S MADE LOTS OF NEW FRIENDS.

## BRAIN BUSTER



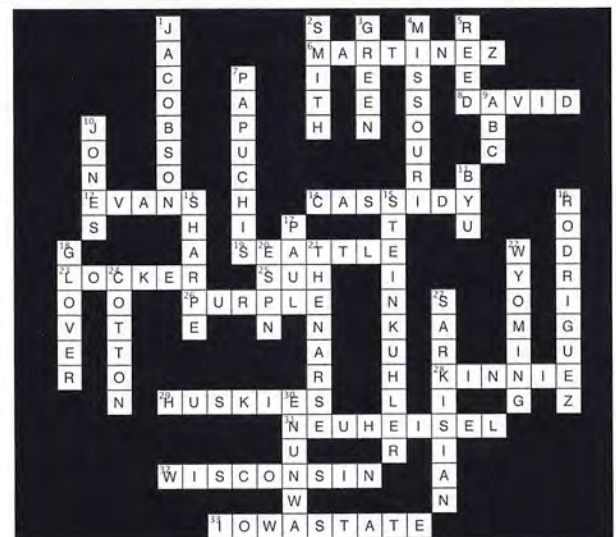
The seal of which university is not depicted on the façade on the east side of Memorial Stadium: Oklahoma, Drake, Grinnell, Washington-St. Louis, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa State, Kansas State.

Answer will appear in our next issue

SEPT. 18 ANSWER:

Willie Harper, a two-time consensus All-American

## SEPTEMBER 18 SOLUTION







## THE FINAL WORD

BY MIKE BABCOCK

# Martinez serves notice in road debut

And a young quarterback shall lead them . . .

Before the Washington game, Mike McNeill asked Taylor Martinez: "Are you nervous?" McNeill, of course, is a fifth-year senior tight end, while Martinez is a redshirt freshman, starting his first road game in a stadium known for its disconcerting and potentially intimidating noise.

Martinez answered: "You're more nervous than I am."

"I think the kid's just got ice water in his veins," said McNeill.

You've probably heard the same thing before about Martinez, expressed a little differently maybe. But the subject keeps coming up because, quite frankly, it's still difficult to accept.

Sure, he responded to the challenge in a pair of home games against overmatched opponents. But he did fumble four times and throw an interception against Idaho, right?

And Husky Stadium was going to be a lot different. It would be the sort of hostile environment certain to bring out the worst in a young fellow, no matter how talented he might be.

Except it didn't bring out the worst in Martinez, if there is a worst. You've got to wonder.

"He's just going to go out and do his thing," coach Bo Pelini said, repeating himself from the first two weeks. "He's not a real emotional guy. He's the same all the time.

"What you see is what you get with Taylor."

And what you saw against Washington was a quarterback who could take some hits and just about the time he seemed to be, well, a redshirt freshman, off he went for 80 yards.

Touchdown, Nebraska.

In fact, what we're starting to see are shades of the past, circa 1983, and not just because of Martinez. This offense is beginning to show signs of the "Scoring Explosion."

There aren't necessarily "Triplets" to ignite it. There might be even more elements.

Consider the Cornhusker touchdown "drives" against Washington. The quotation marks are needed because the "drives" were by definition only. The first required 36 seconds. The second 1 minute. The third and fourth were relatively lengthy, 3:40 and 3:38. And the fifth was 14 seconds.

It wasn't until the final touchdown that Nebraska actually "drove" the ball, 80 yards in 11 plays, consuming 5 minutes and 57 seconds. There was no need for a quick-strike by then.

Small runs can turn into big runs, is the way running backs coach Tim Beck explained it, if you don't worry about it. "If you worry about the big runs all the time, you don't get anything," he said.

"It comes. You've just got to be patient, give it time."

Martinez, who rushed for 137 yards

(an 80-yarder will do that), lit the fuse on the explosion, in part by drawing the attention of Washington's defense. A Huskies linebacker was assigned to him, and the plan might have worked except that Nebraska's offense has multiple weapons.

On a day when Washington quarterback Jake Locker had an opportunity to work his way back into the Heisman Trophy conversation, Martinez stole the show, even with his linebacker shadow.

He scored three touchdowns and passed for another, on the West Coast no less, in his own backyard. Martinez is from Corona, Calif. "I told Taylor, 'I thought you served a little notice,' because when I was recruiting him, there were a lot of Pac-10 coaches kind of snorting at the idea of us playing him at quarterback," said Nebraska defensive coordinator Carl Pelini.

Martinez was asked how many schools on the West Coast had recruited him as a quarterback. "I don't feel like talking about that right now," he replied.

"It's just about Nebraska now."

That was about as lengthy an answer as Martinez offered.

"I don't get nervous before games," he said. "Players have stopped asking."

Evidently, McNeill was an exception. But he knows not to ask again.

"I just don't get scared or nervous at all," Martinez said. **N**



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